

Friends of the Town of Ballston Community Library Meeting Minutes
Date: 12/6/2022

Meeting called to order at: 9:00am by Co President Melia Gordon

Members Present: Melia Gordon, Tim Newell, Peggy Shaeffer, Stefanie Leshner, Donna Keegan , Jenn Richard, Rebecca Darling

Meeting Minutes:

One correction, for the November minutes, take out statement about behind the scenes work.
Motion to accept minutes: Tim Second: Donna

Treasurer's Report:

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| Starting total: | | \$12,265.14 |
| Deposits | | |
| Thrift books | \$185.46 | |
| | | \$12,450.60 |
| Expenses | | |
| Mail N More Boxes | -\$270.00 | |
| Mail N More Book Marks | -\$28.35 | |
| TOB Library OWL | -\$1,049.00 | |
| Savings | \$3,760.83 | |
| Savings Deposit | \$36.00 | |
| TOTAL | | \$14,900.08 |

Motion to accept treasurers report by: Donna seconded by: Peggy

Old Business

Drive thru – it was cold, they had fun. 396 cars!! Traffic was crazy. Everyone seemed to have a great time. Neighbors were complaining that they could not get in and out of their driveways. We only had 1 person directing traffic in the lot. Next year, the school can put on the calendar that there are no other events that night. They will look into paying someone to direct traffic. The fire department might be willing to do this.

Construction update – very cold in the room. This is being addressed. The furnace seems to be having a hard time keeping up. But the room is done. They don't need any more maps. There are still a few minor things to be done.

BHBL dinner is for the 15th of March. Nikki has setup a google form for orders. She closes it the Monday before the dinner. But we cannot take prepay. But we don't lose a percent off the top for Givebutter. We can still take venmo or paypal the night of. Or checks or cash. Last year we had to transfer everything from givebutter to the google form. This is harder on the back end because we

have to collect that night, and worry about no shows, but easier that we won't have to transfer anything, this will go on the form automatically.

Small Towns, Big Read. Jenn picked the book *The People We Keep*. She will base programs around this book. Jenn reached out to the authors rep. Regarding a Zoom keynote speech, this is \$5000. For something smaller, they are willing to entertain less. A motion was made by: Melia to offer her \$500 for the author visit plus \$850 for Jenn's program, Second by Peggy. They would do the author visit with the owl with both people in the library and on zoom. Jenn approached Cindy and Cupola to do a program at Cupola. She will do some passive programs and some in person programs. Maybe artwork, song or poetry contest. Jenn would like the friends to purchase paper copies of the books. Possibly \$800 for prizes and programs plus the author visit. Jenn will ask if we can purchase signed books through the author to see if that will take off the price.

Battery recycling update – the boxes are in. They will deliver it to the library before the end of the year.

Mini golf – We are rolling with mini golf. We still need to check the equipment to see what state it is in. The architecture firm for the library would like to sponsor a hole. The Scouts will get to sponsor a hole with labor. We will also add a cub scout time for mini golf.

The Christmas tree is in the shed. Elizabeth will set it up.

New Business

Book friends at Cupola. They want to make a Cupola themed bookmark. They give a bookmark with a special drink. If we do this in February for library lovers month, we can also promo Jenn's programs.

After NYLA meeting, Jenn went to a seminar about friends groups. One thing that was suggested was that they have a staff member that is specifically assigned to the friends. Jenn would like to be this point person.

NYLA is also pushing for an MOU. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

Motion made to adjourn at: 8:00pm by: Donna, seconded by: Peggy

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Stefanie Leshner