

FRIENDS OF THE BERNARDSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, INC.  
Annual Meeting  
November 17, 2010

President John Deibert called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Those in attendance were Mark Aronson, Caroline Browne, Karen Brodsky, John Deibert, Georgiana Depew, Doug Doremus, Barbara Duffy, Elizabeth Faulkner, Rick Gallo, Barbara Hyzer, Shellie Iossa, Jos Kadam, Roni Larini, Shikha Mayer, Kathy Redling, Tom Shea, Jackie Somers, and Rita Stein.

Approval of Minutes- Roni Larini made a motion to accept the modified minutes of the September 15, 2010 meeting as submitted. Shellie Iossa seconded the motion and the minutes were approved with no abstentions.

President's Remarks- President, John Deibert noted that last year's fundraising campaign, conducted during hard times still managed to raise a little over \$30,000. He went on to say that all contributors to the Friends should take great pride in the funding that is able to provide for special projects and technology.

He recognized the hard work of Karen Brodsky and her wonderful staff for their work to utilize the Friends funds in the best possible way for patrons. The excellent programs and book selections that have expanded the collections in these difficult economic times were most noteworthy. He recognized the work done throughout the year with the Library Board of Trustees and the work ahead for all involved with the excellent Library that Bernardsville is so fortunate to have.

John thanked outgoing Friends Board member Shellie Iossa for her great public relations work and astute articles promoting library programs and events made possible by Friends donations. He thanked departing Friends member Barbara Duffy for her many years of dedicated volunteering and always doing what needed to be done. Lastly he thanked former President and Finance Committee chair, Tom Shea for his leadership and guidance. He bid the three valuable members, "hail and fare well."

Those in attendance gave a warm round of applause.

Treasurer's Report - Jackie Somers reported via the Balance Sheet dated November 1, 2010 that the checking account balance was currently at a low level, given recent expenditures. She indicated that donations to date received for the 2010-2011 campaign were at \$17,667.67 with \$2500 in matching donations forthcoming.

New FDIC allowance levels were discussed and the Friends current use of two local banks. Jackie Somers made a motion to close the Somerset Hills account and move \$10,000 to the Checking Account and the remainder of funds to the High Yield Money Market Account at the Peapack Gladstone Bank. Doug Doremus seconded the motion and the motion passed on a roll call vote.

### New Business

Nominating Committee - Tom Shea presented six Nominations to the Friends' Board for the class of 2013 and one Nomination for the class of 2012 of the Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library. Tom reviewed other board member classes and made a motion to accept the nominating committee's report and the individuals nominated to serve on the Friends Board for a term of three years beginning on November 17, 2010. Rita Stein seconded the motion, and a full board vote followed. The board accepted the nominating committee's report and slate of candidates as board members for the class of 2012 and 2013.

Finance Committee - Mark Aronson presented the 2011 Friends' of the Bernardsville Public Library Budget and asked if there were any questions or concerns, but none were voiced. Mark noted that any funds remaining from the current 2010 budget at the January 2011 meeting would be discussed as carry over to 2011. Mark made a motion that in addition to the approval of the 2011 Budget; the board approve that \$10,000 will be part of the Allocation from Investment Income noted in the Treasurer's report. A discussion followed and Jackie Somers made the motion to approve the 2011 budget and the allocation of \$10,000 from Investment Income. Elizabeth Faulkner seconded the motion. Following a full board vote by Roll Call, the 2010 Budget was approved.

Mark Aronson made the motion to adjourn the Annual Membership meeting and Kathy Redling seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Kathy Redling