

Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library, Inc.  
July 10, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The Friends Board meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Roni Larini. In attendance were Mark Aronson, Steve Autenrieth, Bob Baker, Doug Doremus, Elizabeth Faulkner, Megan Hartley, Deborah Heimerl, Roni Larini, Janet George Murnick, and Nancy Verduin. Not in attendance were John Bertoni, Karen Brodsky, Caroline Browne, Dorothy Carter, Denis Dooley, Sarah Glazar, Dan Lincoln, and Shikha Mayer. Also in attendance were Rosalie Baker of the Library, and Terry Thompson of the Library Board of Trustees.

Approval of Minutes

Megan Hartley moved to accept the May 1, 2013 meeting minutes, and Nancy Verduin seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

President's Remarks

Roni Larini reported that Lia Carruthers went to the Bernards High School senior awards program and presented three awards with gift certificates in the amounts of \$100, and two at \$25. Roni thanked everyone for the successful Volunteer Luncheon held on May 17, including Shikha Mayer who hosted it and Sarah Glazar who arranged it. Roni attended the ceremony at Bedwell for the Japanese trees donated to Bernardsville. She suggested that the Friends might consider funding a first aid training course for residents. Discussion ensued. Nancy reminded everyone about the Seniors Breakfast held on June 7. Though the weather was awful, fifty people attended.

Library Director's Report

Rosalie Baker presented Karen Brodsky's Director's report in her absence. The READ poster initiative has been a huge hit. The Library's brochure will be printed at no cost thanks to Nancy and Chubb's print facility, which approved the donation. *eSequels* and *Ancestry Library Edition* are new special resources for in-library use. The staff has benefited from professional development funded by the Friends. The Library is waiting for some more bids with regard to its Space Repurposing Project Feasibility study. Discussion ensued. Rosalie reported that the *DearReader* online book club cost has increased from \$200 to \$250. Mark Aronson moved to approve paying the increase of \$50 for *DearReader*, and Debbie Heimerl seconded. The motion passed unopposed. The Library is building a gaming collection for Wii and Xbox 360. Nancy made a motion to approve \$2,000 from the Children's Enrichment account and Mark seconded. All present voted in favor. Rosalie thanked John Bertoni for providing a grant opportunity to digitize Local History holdings. Text-a-Librarian is now available from the Library's website.

Correspondence

Debbie Heimerl sent get well wishes to Dorothy Carter after her rotator cuff surgery.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Baker reported that the accountant submitted the 990N (for NJ charities under \$50K). In September he will have the audit. He distributed his financial reports for May and June. He noticed that the credit card fee had increased from \$5 to \$20 per month, with no activity. Doug Doremus will look into it; perhaps there is another service. In the first six months of this year, the Friends have provided nearly \$20,000 to the Library.

## Committee Reports

Finance - Mark Aronson will meet with Karen Brodsky in the next two weeks to work on a tentative budget, and then meet with the committee. At the September meeting he will present a preliminary budget for 2014.

Fundraising - Janet Murnick was pleased to announce that Gov. Christine Todd Whitman has agreed to be our speaker on Sunday, October 27, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Dolce Basking Ridge. She will speak about what has happened over the past year (since Superstorm Sandy).

Nominating - John Bertoni was not present.

Program - Shikha Mayer was not present.

Public Relations - Caroline Browne was not present. Roni reminded everyone about the Ice Cream Social for the summer reading program on August 15.

Volunteer Recognition - Sarah Glazar was not present.

## Public Comments

Terry Thompson reported that for 2013 the Borough Council has decided to fund the Library almost \$100K more than state law requires. The Board of Trustees is very pleased with its level of support. She is also grateful for the continued support from the Friends and the Foundation. Elizabeth shared Jerry Fischer's email, which noted the Foundation granted an additional \$30K in early July, bringing its total year-to-date to \$65K.

## Old Business

Roni said the By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee will meet again to continue its revisions to be presented at the September meeting.

Debbie moved, and Mark seconded, to close the meeting. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Faulkner  
Recording Secretary