

Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library, Inc.
July 1, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The Friends Board meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Roni Larini. In attendance were Bob Baker, Denis Dooley, Doug Doremus, Elizabeth Faulkner, Roni Larini, Dan Lincoln, Janet George Murnick, Maria Myers, Laurie Och, and Nancy Verduin. Not in attendance were Steve Autenrieth, John Bertoni, Caroline Browne, Sarah Glazar, Deborah Heimerl, and Shikha Mayer. Also in attendance were Madelyn English, Patrice Cummings, Terry Thompson, and Katherine Harris.

President's Remarks and Notifications

Roni Larini thanked Nancy Verduin, in person at today's meeting, for all of her work for the successful Bingo event in May. The Seniors' Breakfast on June 5 had a large turnout-possibly 72 people. Thanks to Shikha Mayer for organizing it.

Approval of Minutes

No changes or corrections were put forth, so the June 3, 2015 minutes were approved.

Vice President's Report

Nancy Verduin was unable to attend the Foundation meeting, therefore did not have a report.

Correspondence

Maria Myers read a note from Felicia Ballard thanking the Friends for the youth volunteer awards.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Baker noted that today is the closing day of the quarter. Our net is about the same. He paid \$712 for June Library programs. Our postal box fee of \$102 is due. The Youth Awards cost \$120. Bob has filed the NJ income tax return for \$60. The IRS filing, which is free, is due in August. We received \$730 in donations and matching funds in the past month. Sundays at Three donations for the Motown program on May 3 totaled \$52. We have \$690 in our Bingo account.

Library Director's Report

April Judge was not present. Madelyn English reported on her behalf. The proposed floor plans are on display in the Library foyer for review. Doug Walker is working with the mechanical engineer on the electric to gas conversion. The Library has a new part-time position for Information & Borrowers Services Assistant Manager. April and Madelyn are working on a \$500 grant proposal to the NJ Council for the Humanities. The summer reading kick-off had 150 children in attendance. There are over 130 children's programs scheduled for this summer. They will be using the patio as an outdoor reading room. Madelyn had one Library funding request for the Dear Reader online reading program. Janet Murnick moved to approve funding for Dear Reader for \$300. Nancy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach - Debbie Heimerl was not present.

Finance - Doug Doremus noted that the professional development line item was low; now at \$747, down from \$1900.

Fundraising - Janet George Murnick reported on two fall events. Tuesday, September 29 is the date for our book and author luncheon with Mary Norris at Hamilton Farms. The cost is \$75/person. Books will be sold at the event. The Friends will order them from the publisher at a deep discount. Sunday, October 18 will be our beer tasting event at Vine Restaurant, 5-7 p.m. A NJ brewery will provide the beers. The cost is \$100/person. Nancy and Madelyn will help with publicity. Bingo is being considered for November.

Nominating - John Bertoni was not present. Roni thanked Katherine Harris for attending again.

Program - Shikha Mayer was not present. Dan Lincoln said Maggie Worsdale's Sinatra program is scheduled for Sunday, October 11.

Public Relations - Caroline Browne was not present, but Roni shared the good news that Friendly's will donate the ice cream for our Ice Cream Social on August 20.

Volunteer Recognition - Sarah Glazar was not present.

Public Comments

Patrice Cummings said the main focus of the most recent BoT meeting was the proposed floor plan. The board decided to put it out for public comment. Discussion ensued.

No one from the Foundation was present. Roni said they will pursue large donors. Janet attended the Foundation's special meeting discussing building its endowment. It is considering retaining a firm to help with major donor development.

Old Business - Storage

Dan Lincoln will sort through the Friends boxes now in a basement storage room. Bob will assist. They set July 15 at 10 a.m. as the first pass.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Faulkner
Recording Secretary