

Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library, Inc.
January 6, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The Friends Board meeting was called to order at 7:30p.m. by President Nancy Verduin. In attendance were Steve Autenrieth, Bob Baker, John Bertoni, Jamie Bertoni, Caroline Browne, Denis Dooley, Sarah Glazar, Katherine Harris, Roni Larini, Shikha Mayer, Debbie Heimerl, Dan Lincoln, Lori Pakrul, Maria Myers, and Nancy Verduin. Not in attendance were Janet George Murnick and Joanne Kavanaugh. Also in attendance were Jennifer Paragano, Alexandra (Shura) Arnold and Patrice Cummings.

President's Remarks and Notifications

Nancy welcomed Shura and announced there would be a reception on January 29th to welcome and introduce Shura as the new Director to everyone. Discussed the online operating manual and options to place in shared online source for everyone to access and comment. Maria volunteered to setup Google Drive to test out by the February meeting. If anyone has changes to be made to their portion of the manual, please make them.

Vice-President's Remarks and Notifications

John attended the Foundation meeting on January 5th. Discussed the Christmas Ornament; Dan Lincoln has volunteered to head up the fundraising project, samples have been looked at, need to determine how much to offer the ornaments at. John also informed that Ruotolo Associates have started their work to target and secure ten top donors.

Correspondence

Maria Myers did not have any correspondence.

Nominating Committee

Shikha introduced and proposed Jennifer Paragano as candidate. The motion was seconded and was passed unanimously. Reviewed Board classes for the future.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Baker reported \$24,800 has been raised from the annual fund including 20 new donors this year. Bob distributed the financial report and reviewed the data. He noted he would be preparing the financials for the annual audit. Some ideas were discussed on how to change the fund drive to obtain new donors. Possibly the fundraising committee can review this. Bob moved to accept his report and John Bertoni seconded. The motion passed.

Library Report

Shura had no news to report; although she has enjoyed her first three days!

Community Outreach Committee

Debbie met with Principal at the elementary school. The Principal did not feel that back to school was the appropriate time for the Friends to go to the schools. Different suggestions were discussed on how to obtain community involvement. The goal is to engage the parents. Debbie will talk to Tami to get ideas.

Finance Committee

Jamie discussed changes to investment allocations.

Fundraising Committee

The next Bingo event will be February 5th. All cash prizes. Discussed Bingo should be fully funded by the event and raise at least \$1,000 at each event. License is up for renewal in September – do we want to renew? Will do another Bingo in May and see how it does. There was a suggestion to collect emails at the door for fundraising purposes.

Program Committee

Dan shared the December event with Michaela McClain was a success! 72 people attended the event. The next event is Jan 24th presenting a folk music duo Andy & Judy and May 1st will be 1960s music band, *Carnaby Street* (a spinoff from the group *Rave On*). The Seniors Breakfast will be June 3rd at 10am and we are considering a Bobby Darin themed singer named Ron Gartner. Ron Gartner calls his theme “Scotch, Soul and Rock n’ Roll”.

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Volunteer Recognition Committee

Sarah recapped assembling goodie bags on December 7th for the volunteers and the Madrigals on December 8th. The volunteer lunch will be during National Volunteer Week and will present a budget for this at next meeting. The Friends should have a budget line for the main items to be served.

Public Comments

Patrice Cummings reported the Board of Trustees updates. Terry Thompson has appointed Library Trustee Rich Diegman to serve as liaison to Boro and library to study the proposal for the heating system; very expensive to replace and want to ensure done correctly. Library renovations are on hold.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Nancy passed out the handouts from the conference. We looked at the San Francisco library flyer and Nancy did a version for Bernardsville Library. Where would this go? Can be used to send to donors that have not contributed in a while? Tabled for next meeting.

The Annual Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Harris