

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

The Friends board meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by President Nancy Verduin. In attendance were Steve Autenrieth, Roni Larini, Janet George Murnick, Denis Dooley, Dan Lincoln, Bob Baker, Jennifer Paragano, Debbie Heimerl and Katherine Harris. Not in attendance were Jamie Bertoni, John Bertoni, Maria Myers, and Shikha Mayer. Also in attendance were Pat Kennedy-Grant and Patrice Cummings.

President's Remarks

There was no Foundation meeting to report on. Nancy suggested the Friends implement Amazon Smile. We can advertise in the newsletter about this and add a link to the website.

Vice President's Remarks

John was absent. News from the Foundation - Homes of Distinction raised approximately \$47,000; the endowment kickoff will be on September 27 in Leslie's home.

Correspondence

Maria was absent. We received a 'Thank You' from Lori Lane for the Senior Breakfast and music.

Treasurer's Report

There was a slight increase in expenses: the PO Box rental increased, we have the Bingo prizes and license, and the charitable registration fee. To date, we have given the library \$13,000 and have budgeted for \$38,000. All the financial reports are now on the website going back to 2010. Bob gave Nancy the audit report for review, which lays out the unrestricted and restricted funds.

Library Report

Mary Pat reported for Shura. The summer reading program started and there are 193 children enrolled. Hoping to reach between 250 and 300 kids enrolled by end of summer.

The library would like to continue the following programs:

1. 'Dear reader' program - This allows participants to read and online advance copy (first few chapters) of new books. Program cost is \$300 and approximately 180 participants.
2. Ancestry.com - we have funded this program in the past. It can only be used from a library computer. Approximately 150-200 people login each month to access the program. Total cost for the yearly renewal is \$1,200.
3. Book Group Bags - We provided \$1,000 last year to the program and it has not been spent. However, they are currently in the process of selecting the books to purchase for new book group bags. Will be purchasing 4 sets of 4 books to add to the collection.
4. Movie License - this will allow the library to have movie programs for children to come in and see movies. This can also be offered to adults. We cannot charge an admission, however we can sell snacks. Library is recommending purchasing both movie license options to have a wide selection to choose from and run programs. This will be included in the newsletter.

FBPL board voted in favor of all above activities.

Community Outreach Committee

Ice Cream Social is coming up on August 25th. We will need four volunteers to scoop ice cream. Dan is contacting Penguin Ice Cream and Friendly's Ice Cream for the ice cream. Will need whipped cream and sprinkles donations. We have enough bowls and spoons, so no need for donations. We will put a banner out for the event. Volunteer sign-ups will be at next meeting. Friends Week - Debbie has secured the display cases for us to and build awareness of the Friends. Nancy, John and Debbie will put something together for this. Social Media - Jennifer has volunteered to update our social media pages.

Fundraising Committee

The next Bingo will be September 16th and we will have one other Bingo in the Fall (date to be determined).

Book Author Event - Roni sent out 147 postcards to prior year attendees and lists from members. Janet will review the donor list to see if we should send out additional save the date cards. We are still working to confirm the DJ.

Campaign meeting is scheduled for July 26th. The current mailing list we have is four years old. A new list will be \$300. We would like an updated list to send the letter out in Fall after the event and National Library Week. The letter format has been updated and changed to stand out. We would like to target new contributors as well as prior contributors. Goal is to have everything ready in September to go. Everyone was in favor of purchasing a new listing.

Finance Committee

Jamie was absent.

Nominating Committee

Shika was absent.

Public Comments

Patrice (Board of Directors) shared that she has been working with SHura to see what needs the library has. Shura would like to post a 'Patron's Rule of Conduct' sign to help make patrons more aware of how to behave in a library.

Old Business

Pictures of Table and Chairs have been passed around for the room downstairs. The committee will meet again to make a decision. Table will seat 10-12 people and takes approx 4-6 weeks for delivery.

Nancy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm. Janet seconded.