

Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library, Inc.
November 14, 2012 Reorganization Meeting Minutes

After a half-hour reception following the Annual Meeting, the Friends Reorganization meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m. by President Roni Larini. In attendance were Mark Aronson, Steve Autenrieth, John Bertoni, Karen Brodsky, Caroline Browne, Dorothy Carter, Denis Dooley, Doug Doremus, Elizabeth Faulkner, Sarah Glazar, Roni Larini, Dan Lincoln, and Nancy Verduin. Not present were Bob Baker, Megan Hartley, Deborah Heimerl, Shikha Mayer and Janet George Murnick. Also in attendance was Patrice O'Regan Cummings of the Library Board of Trustees.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Elizabeth Faulkner distributed a document with the proposed slates for officers and committee chairs. For the five officers: President-Roni Larini; Vice President-Megan Hartley; Treasurer-Bob Baker; Recording Secretary-Elizabeth Faulkner; and Corresponding Secretary-Deborah Heimerl. For five (of six) committee chairs: Finance-Mark Aronson; Fundraising-Janet George Murnick; Program-Shikha Mayer; Public Relations-Caroline Browne; and Volunteer Recognition-Sarah Glazar. Elizabeth will continue as acting Nominating Chair. She moved to accept the nominees for officers and chairs as presented; Nancy Verduin seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Officers and committee chairs serve one-year terms.

President's Remarks

Roni Larini presented the draft board roster and meeting calendar for 2013. (Next year the Friends Board will meet on the first Wednesday of every other month, whenever possible) After discussion, January 30 was selected instead of January 2. Roni asked committee chairs to describe their committee's responsibilities to the new board members. Mark covered Finance; Doug Doremus explained the Fund Drive/annual campaign; Elizabeth noted that new members are already familiar with the nominating process; Roni described Programs in Shikha's absence; Caroline discussed Public Relations; and Sarah explained Volunteer Recognition. Roni passed around a sign-up sheet for Board members to select three committees. From this list she will create the committees. She informed those present that a Sundays at Three program was scheduled for December 9, and that the Friends provide baked goods for the Madrigals performance at the Library; this year on December 12.

Library Director's Report

Karen Brodsky reported that she will request partial funding for the juvenile area slatwall panels; she is waiting for estimates. She also recommended purchasing a dog hitch for an exterior wall of the Library. Elizabeth made a motion to fund a dog hitch, and Roni seconded. All voted in favor. Karen was pleased to report on the latest *Library Journal* rankings. Bernardsville Public Library is rated second highest in New Jersey and fourth in its budget category (\$1,000,000-\$4,999,999) nationally. Mark moved to approve the two items (Children's Area activity boards and slatwall panels) requested by Karen, and John Bertoni seconded. The motion passed without opposition.

Committee Reports

Fund Drive Doug Doremus reviewed with the Board a draft of the Fund Drive letter. He will purchase a mailing list from Dun & Bradstreet of approximately 2,200 households in Bernardsville. Bernardsville Print Center will mail merge and print the letters.

Public Relations Caroline Browne passed out a draft of a PR piece announcing the fund drive.

Volunteer Recognition Sarah Glazar mentioned that cookies and candy will be collected for goody bags given to Library volunteers in December.

New Business

Denis Dooley suggested that Board members start thinking of a speaker for next year's fundraising event.

John moved, and Dan Lincoln seconded, to end the meeting. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Faulkner
Recording Secretary