

Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library, Inc.
November 4, 2015 Reorganization Meeting Minutes

After a break for cake celebrating new and retiring board members, the Friends Reorganization meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Nancy Verduin. In attendance were Steve Autenrieth, Bob Baker, Jamie Bertoni, John Bertoni, Caroline Browne, Denis Dooley, Elizabeth Faulkner, Sarah Glazar, Katherine Harris, Joanne Kavanaugh, Roni Larini, Shikha Mayer, Janet George Murnick, Maria Myers, Lori Pakrul, and Nancy Verduin. Not in attendance were Deborah Heimerl and Dan Lincoln. Also in attendance were Anne Meany, Leslie Brown-Witt, and later Terry Thompson and Patrice O'Regan Cummings.

Report of the Nominating Committee

John proposed a slate of officers and Elizabeth seconded. The motion passed.

President:	Nancy Verduin
Vice President	John Bertoni
Treasurer	Bob Baker
Correspond. Sec'y	Maria Myers

John proposed committee chairpersons, and Nancy seconded. The motion passed.

Community Outreach	Debbie Heimerl
Finance	Jamie Bertoni
Fundraising	Janet Murnick
Nominating	Shikha Mayer
Program	Dan Lincoln
Public Relations	Caroline Brown
Volunteer Recog.	Sarah Glazar

President's Remarks

Nancy Verduin thanked Roni and Elizabeth for their service as president and recording secretary, respectively. Nancy, Bob and Roni will attend a New Jersey Friends Institute training event in November. She is working on getting the Friends manual online, along with other information. She would like to collect and include more information on various board processes. Key 2016 dates and current committee assignments were included with the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Elizabeth Faulkner moved to accept the October 7 meeting minutes. John Bertoni seconded. The motion passed with abstentions from Sarah Glazar, Bob Baker, and Caroline Browne.

Report of Foundation Meeting

Leslie Brown-Witt reported that the Foundation board approved another \$30K donation to the library, bringing its total to \$75K this year. In all, it has raised \$122,400. The board will be hiring Ruotolo [Associates] to start its major donor campaign to be launched in January. Leslie also discussed an idea about selling Bernardsville Christmas ornaments.

Report of Board of Trustee Meeting

Roni Larini reported that the library's heating system will not be changed this year; it will remain electric. The BoT wants to bring in a new director before embarking on a project that may be impacted by repurposing plans.

Library Report

Anne Meany said she started on Monday and will work 20 hours per week. She is working on the search.

Committee Reports

Fund Drive/Fundraising

Janet Murnick would like to explore whether the Friends could use the library for a future beer tasting event, so that we could charge less per person. Bingo will be on Friday, November 13. Janet hopes that the fund drive letter will go out next week.

Programs

Dan Lincoln was not present. Shikha Mayer said there will be concerts on December 13 and January 24.

Public Relations

Caroline Browne had nothing to report.

Volunteer Recognition

Sarah Glazar would like volunteers for Monday, December 8 to stuff goody bags for the volunteers.

Public Comments

Terry Thompson and Patrice Cummings arrived late after attending a search committee meeting. The BoT has 13 applicants, and is interviewing 8 of them. The goal is to have someone in place very soon. An engineer is looking at the entire building, so that the heating will be done correctly, and done once. The library will not lose its FEMA money and the borough's appropriations will remain.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Faulkner