

Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library, Inc.
May 6, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The Friends Board meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by President Roni Larini. In attendance were Steve Autenrieth, Caroline Browne, Doug Doremus, Elizabeth Faulkner, Sarah Glazar, Deborah Heimerl, Roni Larini, and Shikha Mayer. Not in attendance were Bob Baker, John Bertoni, Dan Lincoln, Janet George Murnick, Maria Myers, Laurie Och, and Nancy Verduin. Also in attendance were Tammy Lee and Leslie Brown Witt.

President's Remarks and Notifications

Roni Larini remarked about the Foundation's successful Homes of Distinction event on April 12. The home was beautiful, as was the weather. She thanked Debbie Heimerl for the revised By-Laws, which were distributed to everyone at the meeting. On Friday morning, the Foundation will hold a major donor meeting; Janet Murnick will attend. Roni received an email from Fran Fischer, a long-term Library supporter, honorary member of the Foundation, and former co-president of the Bernardsville Library Association (now called the Friends), about stepping down from her volunteering. She will be acknowledged at the Volunteer Luncheon. The June 3 meeting will start at 7:00 for the Youth Volunteer Awards. Also see the display in the Library created by Nancy Verduin about volunteers.

Approval of Minutes

Elizabeth moved to accept the April meeting minutes and Sarah Glazar seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Vice President's Report

Nancy Verduin was not present.

Correspondence

Maria Myers was not present.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Baker was not present.

Library Director's Report

April Judge was not present. Tammy Lee reported on her behalf. Space repurposing efforts continue, and storage space in the basement is being figured out. Two new library positions have been filled. Evelyn Fischel has expanded responsibilities in her new social media position. And our emerging technologies librarian is Felicia Ballard. She is investigating what the library should invest in. Plans for the summer reading program are also continuing.

There was discussion about the Friends sponsoring another Ice Cream Social. August 20 at 5:30 p.m. was set as date and time.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach - Debbie Heimerl said the FBPL-BLF joint brochure will be created this summer.

Finance - Doug Doremus researched credit card companies for our online donations. He found that most click-and-pledge firms charge \$20-\$30 per month. He has signed us up for a Square to swipe credit cards when the Friends are selling books, for example.

Fundraising - Janet George Murnick was not present. Nancy Verduin was not present. Roni reminded everyone that Bingo will be on May 29 and people are needed to help. Author Mary Norris has agreed to speak at an author luncheon on September 29. Roni is working on pricing at Hamilton Farm. A beer tasting event is still under consideration and being researched.

Nominating - John Bertoni was not present. We learned that Doug and Shikha plan to remain on the board for a third term.

Program - Shikha Mayer said the Motown concert was wonderful and enjoyed by all. For the June 5 Seniors' Breakfast, set-up will be at 9, the program 10-12. Maggie Worsdale will perform her Sinatra program on October 11. For the December 13 Sundays at Three she is considering another "radio" show.

Public Relations - Caroline Browne said the new brochure has been completed. She thanked Dan Lincoln for his help with printing it. June 1 is the deadline for the next newsletter text. She would like to include information about upcoming fundraisers and the Ice Cream Social.

Volunteer Recognition - Sarah Glazar said the numbers are going up for the Volunteer Luncheon set for Monday, May 18. Next Wednesday evening the candy goody bags for the volunteers will be stuffed.

Public Comments

Leslie Brown Witt said the Homes of Distinction event has become a tradition. The Foundation raised approximately \$30-32K this year. Its appeal letter will be sent out in 3-4 weeks. At its major donor meeting, a consultant will make a presentation on how to build an endowment.

New Business

Elizabeth shared that Janet has been honored with the Quinn Award by the American Red Cross North Jersey Region at a recent Celebrate Red evening.

Shikha followed by saying the Red Cross has been amazing in Nepal (after the recent devastating earthquake). She shared that her family members are safe, including her 81-year-old mother. However, all of the landmarks are gone.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Faulkner
Recording Secretary