

Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library, Inc.  
May 7, 2014 Meeting Minutes

President Roni Larini started the Student Volunteer Awards portion of the meeting at 7:04 p.m. She explained to those in the audience that the students have volunteered more than 10 hours during the course of the year to receive an award. One student volunteered more than 30 hours, so she will also receive a gift certificate to The Bookworm. This year one graduating senior has totaled 159-3/4 hours during her four years of high school. The Friends have a \$100 Staples gift card for her. Felicia Ballard of the Library's Youth Services department read aloud the students' names and those present came forward to receive their framed awards. A group photograph was taken, and cake and beverages were served.

The Friends Board meeting was called to order at 7:23 p.m. by Roni. In attendance were Steve Autenrieth, John Bertoni, Caroline Browne, Dorothy Carter, Denis Dooley, Elizabeth Faulkner, Sarah Glazar, Megan Hartley, Roni Larini, Shikha Mayer, Janet George Murnick, and Laurie Och. Not in attendance were Bob Baker, Doug Doremus, Deborah Heimerl, April Judge, Dan Lincoln, Maria Myers, and Nancy Verduin. Also in attendance were Pat Kennedy-Grant of the Library, and Patrice Cummings of the Library Board of Trustees.

President's Remarks

Roni Larini welcomed Shikha Mayer back after her medical absence. She thanked the Friends members responsible for setting up the Student Awards event. The Foundation's *Home of Distinction* fundraiser was a lovely affair and financially successful. The Foundation's appeal letter will be mailed soon.

Approval of Minutes

Elizabeth Faulkner moved to approve the March 5, 2014 meeting minutes, and John Bertoni seconded. The motion passed unopposed, with one abstention from Roni.

Correspondence

Nancy Verduin was not present.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Baker was not present.

Library Director's Report

Pat Kennedy-Grant attended instead of April Judge, who was at the Morris-Union Federation dinner meeting. The Jay Parsons memorial garden is moving along. When it is completed there will be a reception. The new youth director, Tammy Lee, will start on May 19, at which point the Library will be fully staffed. She also added that the Playaways, purchased with Friends funds, are very popular.

Committee Reports

Finance - Doug Doremus was not present. Roni mentioned that he has picked up the Friends stationery.

Fundraising - Janet Murnick covered the many items she and the committee are working on. She received a belated reply from Don Dahler to her request to be a guest speaker last year. Ilene

Beckerman is set for the Author Luncheon on September 30 at Roxiticus Golf Club. The beer tasting event idea, for October or November, is still under consideration. High Tea has been scheduled for November 22, 2-4 p.m., at the Library. The price will be \$25. Shikha has volunteered to make tea sandwiches. Bingo evenings require official permission from the Board of Trustees. Once received, the Friends will apply for a license. To augment earnings, it has been suggested that we sell pizza. Bingo can only be an adult event.

Nominating - John Bertoni noted that we have a “full boat.” He added that the entire Class of 2014 can re-up (serve for a second term).

Program - Shikha Mayer deferred to Dorothy Carter. Dorothy shared that Gordon Ward will be the musical performer for Seniors’ Day on June 6. Shikha will email a sign-up list for food requests; set-up starts at 9:00 a.m.

Public Relations - Caroline Browne said the Ice Cream Social (for the children’s summer reading program) is scheduled for August 21. She will need just a few volunteers. For the next newsletter she will include information about the Student Awards, the Ice Cream Social, and the Author Luncheon.

Volunteer Recognition - Sarah Glazar is keeping track of the replies to the Volunteer Luncheon invite. Nearly half have not replied yet (though they have opened the invitation). The luncheon will be held at Shikha’s home on Friday, May 16.

#### Public Comments

Patrice Cummings reported that Maribeth Southworth has resigned from the Board of Trustees. They have three candidates for this opening. She, too, attended the Foundation’s sold-out *Home of Distinction* fundraiser.

#### Old Business

Roni would like Nancy Verduin to lead an Ad-Hoc committee to set standards for the Friends TAC award given to high school seniors.

#### New Business

Roni suggested that all board meetings should be full board meetings (only a third of members are not on the “Executive Committee”), and that they should start at a consistent time. After discussion, it was agreed that all but two meetings will start at 7:30. The exceptions are the Student Awards evening every May, and the Annual and Reorganization meetings every November, which will start at 7:00. The By-Laws will be amended in November. Roni also suggested that the board consider having an external affairs position.

#### Adjournment

John moved, and Steve Autenrieth seconded, to end the meeting. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Faulkner  
Recording Secretary