

Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library, Inc.
July 18, 2012 Meeting Minutes

The Friends Board meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Roni Larini. In attendance were Steve Autenrieth, Bob Baker, Karen Brodsky, Caroline Browne, Denis Dooley, Elizabeth Faulkner, Deborah Heimerl, Polly La Duc, Roni Larini, David Mulgrum, Janet George Murnick, and Rita Stein. Not present were Mark Aronson, Georgiana Depew, Doug Doremus, Sarah Glazar, Megan Hartley, Wanda Knapik, and Shikha Mayer. Also in attendance was Patrice O'Regan Cummings of the Library Board of Trustees.

Public Comments

Patrice Cummings reported that the Policy Committee of the BoT would like to honor donors to the Library, the Friends, and the Foundation with a "wall of honor." Levels will be determined (e.g., silver \$1,000-\$4,999; gold \$5,000-\$9,999; and platinum \$10K+), and names will be listed by February 1 for donations made the preceding calendar year. The treasurers of the three boards will meet to create the list of names. Discussion ensued, including questions about corporate donors and matching gifts. Patrice also mentioned that the Board of Trustees is on target to meet its budget this year, including the remaining \$32,000 gift from the Foundation. She concluded her comments saying the BoT appreciates all the work the Friends do for the Library.

Approval of Minutes

Debbie Heimerl moved to approve the May 9, 2012 minutes, and Rita Stein seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

President's Remarks

Roni Larini noted that two fundraising meetings have been held recently. It was decided to cancel the author luncheon tentatively scheduled for October 25. Instead, the Friends will host a Sundays at Three author lecture with Maryann McFadden on November 11. Her books will be available for purchase.

Roni asked Janet Murnick to report on the Bill Moyers event. Mr. Moyers confirmed Friday, October 26. The topic of his lecture has yet to be determined. Janet said Mr. Moyers has been very gracious and cooperative. Caroline Browne reported on her meeting with Dolce Basking Ridge staff. The Friends have to guarantee 100 people, but up to 300 can attend by opening room dividers between three rooms.

Roni would like the Bill Moyers invitations to be sent the first week of September, and the Fund Drive letter the first week of October. \$100 per individual ticket was agreed upon for the Moyers event. Sarah Glazar will work on the invitation, including a return card and envelope.

Correspondence

Rita Stein shared a note from Karen Brodsky thanking the Friends for the Volunteer Luncheon. There was also a note from a young boy who received the Penguin Ice Cream gift certificate from the Friends for guessing the closest number of jelly beans in a jar at the Street Fair.

Treasurer's Report

Polly La Duc reported that the required federal and state returns were filed on a timely basis. A final version of the "White Paper on Blumenschine/Restricted Assets" and "Draft Resolutions re: Blumenschine Bequest" (both attached) prepared by Polly were handed out to board members. She read the resolutions aloud. Janet made a motion to accept Polly's resolutions as proposed, and Denis Dooley seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and all Friends board members present voted in

favor. Polly gave an overview of the current cash flows and net assets. Looking beyond this year, she recommended that the Friends board look carefully at its spending commitments. She presented the booklet, "Financial Statements: December 31, 2011 and 2010," compiled by Wasilewski & Keating, P.C., certified public accountants. (A hard copy was provided to the Recording Secretary.) Polly issued a resolution to accept the certified CPA Independent Accountants Compilation Report by Wasilewski & Keating, P.C. Denis moved to approve her resolution, and David Mulgrum seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Library Director's Report

Karen Brodsky informed us that the Library's application appeal to Google for Google Apps for Non Profits has been approved. The Library's strategic plan can be found online at www.bvpl.net/plan, and she invited Friends board members to join the Library's Public Relations Advisory Team. Karen's new funding requests included \$200 to renew the *Dear Reader Online Book Club*, to come from Special Programs, and \$199 for another Kindle Fire, to come out of the Technology budget. Janet moved to approve these new funding requests, and Denis seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

Committee Reports

Finance - Mark Aronson was not present.

Fundraising - Doug Doremus was not present. Roni reported that he is back on board (after briefly resigning from the Board). He will work on the Fund Drive letter and will meet with Karen to gather information for it.

Nominating - Elizabeth Faulkner said the Committee will be looking for 3-4 people to fill board openings, and for four members to fill Recording, and Corresponding Secretaries, Fundraising, and Nominating Chairs.

Program - Shikha Mayer was not present. Roni said attendance was light at Seniors' Day, June 8, due to a conflicting AARP event. Now that we know about it, we will avoid it in the future.

Public Relations - Caroline Browne is working on the Friends submission to the newsletter, due by August 1, and asked for ideas to include. The Summer Reading Program Ice Cream Social will be Monday, August 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Volunteer Recognition - Bob Baker said there is nothing special going on at this time of year.

Old Business

David asked about the status of the MOU between the three organizations.

New Business

Denis shared that the next Chapter II meeting will be on Saturday, July 28 at 10:00 a.m. when a dermatologist will make a presentation. All are welcome.

Denis Dooley moved, and Elizabeth seconded, to close the meeting. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Faulkner
Recording Secretary