

Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library, Inc.
August 6, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The Friends Board meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President Roni Larini. In attendance were Steve Autenrieth, Bob Baker, John Bertoni, Dorothy Carter, Denis Dooley, Elizabeth Faulkner, Deborah Heimerl, Roni Larini, Dan Lincoln, Maria Myers, and Laurie Och. Not in attendance were Caroline Browne, Doug Doremus, Sarah Glazar, Megan Hartley, Shikha Mayer, Janet George Murnick, and Nancy Verduin. Also in attendance were April Judge, Library Director, Terry Thompson and Patrice O'Regan Cummings of the Library Board of Trustees.

President's Remarks and Notifications

Roni Larini informed everyone that the gambling license (for bingo) is in the mail to Newark, where it will be issued a number allowing the Friends to apply. This part of the process should take 2-3 weeks. Instead of plaques on the three children's computers, the screen savers will indicate they are gifts from the Friends. This idea came from the Board of Trustees.

Approval of Minutes

Dan Lincoln moved to accept the July 2, 2014 meeting minutes and Debbie Heimerl seconded. The motion passed.

Vice President's Report

Megan Hartley was not present. The Foundation did not have a meeting this month.

Correspondence

Nancy Verduin was not present. Roni said Nancy sent a get well card to Elizabeth.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Baker distributed his reports for the ends of June and July. For the campaign year we stand at \$41,760; \$36,760 in donations plus \$5,000 in matching gifts. These donations came from 211 unique donors (252 the previous campaign year). He called it a "steady year." Bob handed out copies of the Compilation Report (audit) completed by Wasilewski & Keating, P.C. He suggested board members read the report and come back to him with questions. John Bertoni moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Dan seconded. All voted in favor.

Library Director's Report

April Judge said the summer reading program would be ending on Friday; she will provide statistics next month. The library staff is gearing up for fall events including Maker Day in September and One Book Bernardsville during October. The 36 museum passes will be used up by early September. Roni noted the Friends have already spent \$800 on passes this year, and wondered if a small fee can be charged. April will get more specific information on the various costs.

Committee Reports

Finance - Doug Doremus was not present.

Fundraising - Janet George Murnick was not present. Roni said that, thanks to Nancy, Chubb is printing a few posters and several hundred flyers for the September 30 author luncheon. Board

members are to distribute them to friends and neighbors. Steve Autenrieth is contacting NJ members of a tea association hoping to find a speaker for the high tea event in November.

Nominating - John Bertoni reported that Doug will be leaving the board after the November meeting. He requested suggestions for a new Finance Chair.

Program - Shikha Mayer was not present. She has booked "A Touch of Sinatra" for the October 12 Sundays at Three program.

Public Relations - Caroline Browne was not present. The Ice Cream Social is on Thursday, August 21 and Dan, Denis, and Roni will assist Caroline.

Volunteer Recognition - Sarah Glazar was not present.

Public Comments

Terry Thompson and Patrice Cummings shared that the Board of Trustees may join a library-buying consortium in order to save money on database purchases, services, cataloguing computers, etc. Under consideration are BCCLS ("buckles"), Bergen County Cooperative Library System, and MAIN, Morris Automated Information Network. If the Library chooses this option, the buy-in cost will be spread over three years, and the consortium will own and service the computers. Another benefit would be faster access to items in other libraries than the current three times per week inter-library loan. The BoT is in the preliminary stages of its research. Terry said the BoT is thinking of stratifying the levels of recognition for donations. Roni confirmed that all donors to any library entity will be listed in the newsletter.

Old Business

Roni said the By-Laws will be updated this autumn for a vote in November.

New Business

Following up on the consortium discussion, Steve remarked that other libraries would draw from our collection. Yes, however there is a six-month limit for new books. And Maria Myers asked if inter-library requests can be made online. Yes.

Dan moved, and Bob seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Faulkner
Recording Secretary