

Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library, Inc.
April 6th 2016 Meeting Minutes

The Friends board meeting was called to order at 7:36pm by President Nancy Verduin. In attendance were John Bertoni, Katherine Harris, Debbie Heimerl, Jamie Bertoni, Janet George Murnick, Dan Lincoln, Sarah Glazar, Denis Dooley, Lori Pakrul, and Jennifer Paragano. Not in attendance were Bob Baker, Maria Myers, Shikha Mayer, Stephen Autenrieth, Joanne Kavanaugh and Roni Larini. Also in attendance were Shura Arnold.

President's Remarks and Notifications

Shura shared with Nancy that Charlie Zavalick, editor of Bernardsville News, is also a DJ and would like to give back to the library by offering his DJ services.

Vice President's Remarks

John attended the Foundation meeting. Homes of Distinction sales have begun - tickets are \$125 or \$200 (includes parking and pre-event) and will be on May 15th. They are including a silent auction and wine pull - looking for donations. The appeal letter was mailed out. The Foundation voted on By-Laws which clarified restricted funds and endowment (governed by NJ laws).

Community Outreach

Debbie is preparing for National Friends Week in October. Hoping to secure the display cases in the library entrance to use for awareness.

Correspondence

Maria was absent and there was no new correspondence to report.

Treasurer's Report

Bob was absent; however, it was a quiet month and he provided the financials for review.

Library Report

Maker Day was a success - a very big 'Thank You' to the Friends for the donated snacks. There are wonderful videos showcasing the day on Facebook. Pop-Up libraries are now available at Starbucks and the train station. The museum passes and Vimeo have been adjusted to show the programs are funded by FBPL. Tammy Lee, children's librarian, received the 2016 Best Practice in Early Literacy Award by the State Library. We extend our congratulations to her!

Finance Committee

Jamie is working on the Return on Investment (ROI) form. Bob will provide her the receipts so she can track event revenue, which will include donations.

Fundraising Committee

Katherine provided an update on the Author event scheduled for October 28th - The Bernards Inn has been booked, will include appetizers and dinner with cash bar. There are still many items to narrow down in the planning process, however the event is shaping nicely.

Jennifer announced the Bingo license are ready however volunteers are needed for the next three events. Theme for April is Lucky Duck and have prizes ready thanks to donations. Nancy will email prior attendees of upcoming Bingo dates. Will need \$400 for prizes per Bingo night going forward to add as budget item.

Nominating Committee

Shikha had nothing to report, however to begin succession planning.

Program Committee

Dan reminded the group the next event is May 1st - The Carnaby St. Duo. Need setup volunteers and refreshments. June 3rd is Senior Breakfast (friday) theme is Scotch, Soul, Rock n' Roll. Seeking ideas for October and December dates.

Public Relations Committee

Caroline resigned. Seeking replacement. Debbie will contact Caroline to obtain details of position and fill in until replacement is found.

Volunteer Recognition

Sarah announced the luncheon is right around the corner and have 58-60 RSVPs. The Youth Awards will be in June.

Public Comments

Maria Myers is working on the online manual. Denis Dooley is working on the Homebound borrowing program and looks like this could work out after the right people are contacted. Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm.