

Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library, Inc.
September 7th 2016 Meeting Minutes

The Friends board meeting was called to order at 7:31pm by President Nancy Verduin. In attendance were Katherine Harris, Sarah Glazar, Jamie Bertoni, Denis Dooley, Dan Lincoln, Lori Pakrul, Pat Carroll, Jennifer Paragano, Roni Larini, Steve Autenrieth. Not in attendance were Janet George Murnick, Joanne Kavanaugh, Debbie Heimerl, Maria Myers, Shika Mayer, and Bob Baker. Also in attendance was Leslie and Shura.

President's Remarks

Amazon Smile is setup and on website, we can start publicizing. Giving Tuesday is in November, would like to have a link added on the website for this.

Vice President's Remarks

John attended the Foundation meeting, however is absent. Leslie reported on the Foundation - They are very excited for the Author Event. Leslie mentioned the event to her book clubs and they are also excited. The Foundation sent out the invites for two events they are hosting for the Endowment and Trust on 9/27 and 9/29. There will also be a Telephone to follow up on people they have not heard from. Purpose is to launch the Campaign. Would like all Board Members to pledge even if only \$10, this will enable them have 100% participation from all Boards. The Foundation is signing up for BaseCamp (communication system) - The friends are welcome to use the system, it is only costing the Foundation \$29/ month and the Trustees are using as well.

Correspondence

Maria was absent. However we will be sending a Thank you note to Penguin Ice Cream for the donation at our Ice Cream Social.

Treasurer's Report

Bob was absent and there is no Treasurer's Report.

Library Report

Shura reported Staff Day on the 19th was successful. They have three new services: Rosetta Stone, Hoopla, and Lynda.com. A new program being offered is Girls Who Code - starts in October, reserved space, borrow laptops if do not have one, run by volunteers from National Club, will run for 2 semesters, boys may join, age group is middle school to 10th grade (target). The Electric to Gas conversion has begun, it is not as disruptive as initially thought. Some roof leaks near the photocopier and the Boro is aware and it is their responsibility to repair.

Terri provided the Trustee Report

The August meeting was cancelled due to quorum. The Trustees decided now is not the time to join a consortium. They would like to join MAIN when the time is right, however MAIN is going through restructuring and the Trustees would like to wait.

Community Outreach Committee

Ice Cream Social was a success! Dan reported the event started outside then moved indoors due to rain. About 60 people attended. Jennifer, Jamie, Denis, and Janet helped out. Clean-up was easy!

Debbie was absent, however we have the display cases for October. Nancy added there will be a Proclamation from Mayor to kickoff Friends of Library month.

Fundraising Committee

PayPal is up and running for ticket purchases. Bingo is set for the 16th of the month - please signup if not already done. This will be last Bingo if the year. Pizza is being donated by Anthony's Pizza. We will be posting Bingo and Author event in school newsletters, social media, bubble, next door, etc.

The Campaign - nancy has the listing and letter is ready and online - please review and comment. We would like to fit Board Members in the left margin or along the bottom margin. Not enough room and still be one page letter.

Finance Committee

Jamie reported the credit card is up and running using PayPal on the site for tickets. Would also like to use for donations and terminate use of Click & Pledge. We will need to follow up with Bob to do this. The Finance Committee needs to meet this month to discuss some open items as we prepare for the budget. Terry provided the investment policy - need to review, discussed, changed, and restricted funds need to be addressed.

Nominating Committee

Shika reported Dan is nominating someone he knows and gave info to Shika to meet. Shika will be contacting members whose time is up. If you cannot continue, let Nancy know. Looking for someone with a marketing background.

Programs

Dan reported we are ready for next Sundays at 3 on October 9th with The Clave. Please sign up for refreshments, setup, cleanup. December will be Blues Jersey Band - Jazz and Blue Razz.

Volunteer

Sarah reported the Madrigals will be signing on December 6th so we will need to stuff volunteer bags on December 5th - need donations and cookies.

New Business

Denis reported Books 4 Homebound has not been picked up yet. What do we think about adding DVDs to the selection.

Roni reminded us the Bernardsville Garden Club will be selling mums outside the library.

Nancy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:49pm.

