

Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library, Inc.
October 5th 2016 Meeting Minutes

The Friends board meeting was called to order at 7:33pm by President Nancy Verduin. In attendance were Katherine Harris, Robert Baker, Maria Myers, Debbie Heimerl, Jamie Bertoni, Janet George Murnick, Shikha Mayer, Dan Lincoln, Sarah Glazar, Joanne Kavanaugh, Roni Larini, Lori Pakrul, Jennifer Paragano, and Pat Carroll. Not in attendance were John Bertoni, Stephen Autenrieth, and Denis Dooley. Also in attendance was Patrice Cummings and Shura Arnold.

President's Remarks

Nancy commented the display done by Debbie looks nice.

Vice President's Remarks

John attended the Foundation meeting, however is absent. The Foundation has asked us all to give a pledge, even if small, to show 100% support of the Campaign. They held two major donor events - one person who attended donated stock immediately. There was not a big turnout, however have already received 3% of the goal. The Foundation is looking for home for the upcoming year's Homes of Distinction, if you know anyone interested in opening their, please advise.

Treasurer's Report

Bob presented the report for the last two months. The Friends gave \$6,717 to the library in the last two months and had some expenses related to bingo. We received \$300 in donations and \$750 in matching gifts. Bob has cancelled Click & Pledge as we are now using PayPal. Jamie reported on the budget. She stated it is essentially the same as prior year however added more detail. She forecasted for four bingo events again next year. Jamie also noted that she separated operation vs investment income. Let Jamie know if you have any questions.

Library Report

Shura reported the library is hosting Safe and Sound Somerset domestic violence silohettes. This will baout three weeks in October in the non-fictions wing. Hoopla is now live! This and Rosetta Stone are running well. The Library has added a form on the main menu - "If we don't have it click here" - this will allow patrons to obtain items quickly without filling out a paper form from another library.

Correspondence

Maris sent a Thank You to Penguin Ice Cream for the donation. She will be sending a note to Anthony's pizza for the donation to our Bingo night.

Community Outreach Committee

Nancy commented National Friends Week is coming up. Debbie setup the display as a way to promote the Friends. Joanne did a bookmark. Nancy also wrote a letter to the editor of the Bernardsville News.

Fundraising Committee

Katherine provided an update on the author event.

Nancy updated on the Campaign. She will send out list day after meeting. We need to fund the Chester Mail account for the bulk mailing. It was discussed if we wanted to add in the collage of events with the mailing or the bookmark. Will get an estimate on cost of bookmark.

Nominating Committee

Shika passed around the list to ensure everyone's information is correct. Shika is meeting Dan's friend and hopefully he will join the Friends. Janet announced she will be leaving the Friends.

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. The next event will be on December 11th at 3pm - The Rivers Band is an all acoustic trio with percussion.

Volunteer

Sarah will have signups at next meeting for December 5th goody bags for the volunteers. She is also looking for cookies for The Madrigals.

Trustee Comments

Patrice (and the Trustees) appreciates all we do. They held a meet n greet with the Boro on September 8th and the event was very well received by all who attended. This really helped the Boro workers understand how the library serves the community and all that goes on here. The Consortium is currently on hold. The finance committee is currently looking at the budget for next year.

New Business / Comments

The library needs a new microwave, Katherine offered to get one - this was approved. Katherine will bring cake to next meeting. Reminder meeting is at 7pm for the Annual Meeting and 7:30 for the regular meeting.

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