

Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library, Inc.
November 6, 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes

The Friends Annual Board meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Roni Larini. In attendance were Mark Aronson, Steve Autenrieth, Bob Baker, John Bertoni, Caroline Browne, Dorothy Carter, Denis Dooley, Doug Doremus, Elizabeth Faulkner, Sarah Glazar, Roni Larini, Shikha Mayer, Janet George Murnick, and Nancy Verduin. Not present were Megan Hartley, Deborah Heimerl, and Dan Lincoln. Also in attendance were Pat Kennedy-Grant, representing the Library, and Patrice O'Regan Cummings of the Library Board of Trustees.

Approval of Minutes

Mark Aronson moved to approve the September 4, 2013 meeting minutes, and Doug Doremus seconded. The motion passed.

President's Remarks

Roni Larini reported that the Friends fundraiser on Sunday, October 27 with Christie Todd Whitman was a wonderful program. She was impressed that Gov. Whitman spoke without notes and answered all questions. Ed English has proposed creating a booklet of the event. Roni thanked Bob Baker for handling the money, Sarah Glazar for the invitations, and Janet Murnick for getting Gov. Whitman to speak at our event.

Correspondence

Debbie Heimerl was not present. There was no correspondence to report.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Baker informed us that the CTW fundraiser netted \$5,460; the expenses totaled \$4,900. He said newsletter coupons have been coming in with donations; \$3K have been collected in the past week. Bob distributed two sets of summaries: Jan.-Sept. 30, and Jan.-Oct. 31 Cash Flows and Net Assets. He noted that so far this year we have donated \$35K to the Library, having budgeted \$45K. Our assets remain \$345K, same as the end of last year. Doug Doremus moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Nancy Verduin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Nominating Committee

Elizabeth Faulkner spoke briefly about board candidate Maria Myers, and then moved to accept her as a new Friends board member. Roni seconded, and everyone voted in favor. Chair John Bertoni presented officers and committee chairs for the next year, noting three changes: Nancy Verduin will assume the Corresponding Secretary position, Doug Doremus will take on Finance Chair, and Debbie Heimerl will become Fundraising Co-Chair with Janet Murnick. John moved to accept the officers and chairpersons as presented; Mark seconded, and the motion passed unopposed. Mark pointed out that he will leave the board after its January meeting.

Finance Committee

Mark Aronson distributed the FBPL 2014 Proposed Budget, indicating that it is the same as presented in September. The numbers are conservative. Doug expressed the need for more Friends letterhead. Campaign expenses will be adjusted in January to reflect this upcoming order. Mark moved to approve the 2014 budget as presented, and Janet seconded. The budget passed unanimously.

By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee

Elizabeth read the recommended changes to the By-Laws, which were first presented by Debbie at the September board meeting. She moved to accept them, and Mark seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Faulkner
Recording Secretary