

Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library, Inc.
March 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The Friends Board meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Vice President Megan Hartley. In attendance were Steve Autenrieth, Bob Baker, John Bertoni, Caroline Browne, Dorothy Carter, Denis Dooley, Elizabeth Faulkner, Sarah Glazar, Megan Hartley, Deborah Heimerl, Dan Lincoln, Janet George Murnick, Maria Myers, Laurie Och, and Nancy Verduin. Not in attendance were Doug Doremus, Roni Larini, and Shikha Mayer. Also in attendance were April Judge, Library Director, Patrice O'Regan Cummings of the Library Board of Trustees, and Ed English of the Library Foundation.

Nominating Committee

John Bertoni introduced board candidate Laurie Och. He then moved that we accept his nomination of her to fill the board's vacancy; Elizabeth Faulkner seconded. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Remarks and Notifications

In Roni Larini's absence, Megan Hartley introduced our new Library Director, April Judge. She also reminded the board that the May 7 meeting will start promptly with the Junior Volunteer awards. Caroline Browne will be responsible for getting the cake.

Approval of Minutes

Elizabeth Faulkner moved to accept the January 8, 2014 meeting minutes and Dan Lincoln seconded. The motion passed.

Correspondence

Nancy Verduin sent a get well card to Shikha Mayer.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Baker distributed his reports for the end of January; he is still receiving February statements. He is expecting \$3K in matching gifts, and noted that the stock market went down in January. When Bob met with April and Terry Thompson recently, he explained that the Blumenschine monies are restricted to capital expenditures. The grand total for the campaign so far is \$36,705 from 200 specific donors.

Library Report

April Judge told the board of several events and programs being planned. On Saturday, May 3, 10-5, the Library will have a Maker fair in the parking lot. She is expecting 12-15 makers, who will share their skills in soldering, origami, etc. The rain date will be May 4. The Library will start collecting suggestions from patrons of Awesome Books they have read. In June she will be starting a Book Club on the second Tuesday of the month. October will be One Book Bernardsville month. And finally, the staff is looking at possible changes to the Library's space and will be forming a committee.

Committee Reports

Finance - Doug Doremus was not present.

Fundraising - Janet George Murnick/Debbie Heimerl. Janet reported on the various efforts and ideas under consideration by the committee. An author luncheon with Ilene Beckerman has been set for September 30 at the Roxiticus Country Club. There will be three courses and a glass of wine included. Beer-tasting, an autumn tea, and bingo are in various research and planning stages. Discussion ensued about being able to have paid events at the Library, and licenses for bingo.

Program - Shikha Mayer was not present. Dorothy Carter informed everyone of the upcoming Sundays at Three concert on March 9: Colonial Music in America.

Public Relations - Caroline Browne shared that the Ice Cream Social has been scheduled for Thursday, August 21.

Volunteer Recognition - Sarah Glazar told the board that the Volunteer Luncheon is set for Friday, May 16. Shikha has graciously offered her home again.

Public Comments

Ed English reminded everyone that the Home of Distinction fundraiser will be held at Peachcroft on Sunday, March 30, 4-7. A silent auction is part of the event. There was an article in the *Bernardsville News* with a photograph of two Foundation members donating a check to the Library. Patrice Cummings told us that Terry Thompson is the new president of the Board of Trustees. She is the vice president, Mark Krook is the new treasurer, and Lucy Orfan is the new secretary. Patrice also shared that Jay Parsons' family has given a gift to build a memorial garden outside the Community Room. The design has been approved by the borough council.

Old Business/New Business

None was presented.

John moved, and Sarah seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; the meeting ended at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Faulkner
Recording Secretary