

Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library, Inc.
October 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The Friends Board meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Roni Larini. In attendance were Steve Autenrieth, Denis Dooley, Elizabeth Faulkner, Katherine Harris, Deborah Heimerl, Roni Larini, Dan Lincoln, and Janet George Murnick. Not in attendance were Bob Baker, John Bertoni, Caroline Browne, Doug Doremus, Sarah Glazar, Shikha Mayer, Maria Myers, and Nancy Verduin. Also in attendance were April Judge, Terry Thompson, and Joanne Kavanaugh.

President's Remarks and Notifications

Roni Larini introduced Joanne Kavanaugh, who is interested in joining the Friends board. They know each other from the Garden Club and Friends of the Shelter organizations. Roni had copies of the NJLA Friends Institute information sheet for anyone interested in going. Roni reported that the Author Luncheon was a wonderful event, which netted approx. \$2,000. She thanked everyone who helped make it a success. Roni has set the evening of Saturday, December 5 for a President's Party at her home. The reservations for the Oktoberfest are very low. We are expecting a library email blast and a piece in the *Bernardsville News* this week.

Approval of Minutes

The September 9, 2015 meeting minutes were approved as written.

Vice President's Report

Nancy Verduin was not present. Roni attended the recent Foundation meeting. The Homes of Distinction event has been set for May 15 at Faircourt on Mountaintop Road. Felicia Ballard is leaving the library to become head librarian at Pingry. The Friends will miss her assistance with the Youth Awards, and her departure will be a loss for the library.

Correspondence

Maria Myers was not present. Elizabeth shared that Maria sent a thank you note to Mike Murphy of Friendly's for its donation of ice cream to the Ice Cream Social.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Baker was not present. Roni distributed his draft 2016 budget. Some of the changes include increasing the amount of campaign contributions and special events proceeds to \$40K and \$8K, respectively. There was also discussion about amounts targeted for Youth Awards and the Volunteer Reception. Bob will present the final version in November.

Library Director's Report

April Judge said she enjoyed the Author Luncheon. While library card sign-up month did not get as many new cardholders as hoped for (only five), it was good visibility for the library. She thanked volunteers for staffing tables at local venues. She noted there are 4-5,000 library cards issued in Bernardsville, a borough with a population of only 7,500. One Book Bernardsville continues next week when author Laura Schenone will present her book *The Lost Ravioli Recipes of Hoboken*. April and Pat Kennedy-Grant have reviewed Flipster and Zinio. Funding should come from the Print/Online Materials line item.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach - Debbie Heimerl was at Bedwell's Tuesday back-to-school night, sitting at a table with Felicia Ballard. She had with her the Friends brochure, Author Luncheon flyer, and Oktoberfest bookmarks. Dan Lincoln suggested having a presentation board in the future.

Finance - Doug Doremus was not present.

Fundraising - Janet George Murnick said the Author Luncheon was successful. Fifty-five people attended at Hamilton Farm Golf Club. We are waiting for final invoices from the venue and the wine supplier, Peapack Wines. Thirty-nine books were sold. The remaining 33 copies (plus three incorrect titles received) are being returned to the publisher. At our Oktoberfest fundraiser on October 18, there will be five beers paired with five accompaniments. A brewery representative will be there to speak about the beers. Bingo is set for Friday, November 13. Terry Thompson noted that the signatories of the official documents may not play. The annual appeal letter will be drafted to be sent in early November.

Nominating - John Bertoni was not present. Prospective member Joanne Kavanaugh was introduced at the start of the meeting.

Program - Shikha Mayer was not present. Dan Lincoln passed around a sign-up sheet for the October 11 Sinatra program with Maggie Worsdale. Michaela Glynn will perform on December 13. A Roy Orbison group is under consideration for January 24.

Public Relations - Caroline Browne was not present.

Volunteer Recognition - Sarah Glazar was not present, but notified Roni that Monday, December 7 at 6:30 is set for Volunteer Holiday Goody bag stuffing. She will also collect baked cookies that evening for the Madrigals concert the following day.

Public Comments

Terry Thompson said the BoT has begun its search for a new director, and has received eight applications. Two interviews are scheduled for later this week. April added that Tammy Lee has suggested Felicia be replaced by two part-time employees; one to focus on preschool and elementary school children, the other on pre-teens to teens.

Old Business

A vote on the Youth Awards policy will take place next month.

New Business

Janet has told Madelyn English that our board does not think Robert Dawson, author of *The Public Library* (with a foreword by Bill Moyers), is right for a Friends event. Roni wished April well in her retirement, and thanked her for all she's done for the library.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Faulkner
Recording Secretary