

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

The Friends Annual Board meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Roni Larini. In attendance were Steve Autenrieth, Bob Baker, Dorothy Carter, Denis Dooley, Doug Doremus, Elizabeth Faulkner, Sarah Glazar, Deborah Heimerl, Roni Larini, Janet George Murnick, and Maria Myers. Not in attendance were John Bertoni, Caroline Browne, Megan Hartley, Dan Lincoln, Shikha Mayer, Laurie Och, and Nancy Verduin. Also in attendance were April Judge, Terry Thompson, and Leslie Brown Witt.

Approval of Minutes

April Judge provided corrections to the October minutes under her report: “Tammy Lee, Youth Services Manager, would like us to carry over \$2,500 to 2015 in order to purchase an updated A/V projection system, and a movie license for \$750.” As corrected, Janet Murnick moved to accept the meeting minutes of October 1, 2014, and Doug Doremus seconded. The board approved them.

President’s Remarks and Notifications

Roni Larini reminded board members of the Friends Social at her home on Friday, November 14.

Correspondence

In Nancy Verduin’s absence, Roni reported that Ilene Beckerman sent a thank you note in response to ours.

Treasurer’s Report

Bob Baker distributed his two-page report. In round numbers, net assets total \$349K. At the end of the third quarter, \$33K have been spent on programs. Some donations are arriving from the appeal in the Newsletter, but the bulk will arrive after our fund drive letter goes out. Bob informed the board that it’s time to renew our Directors and Officers Insurance policy provided through the Hurley Agency. (For liability, the Friends piggyback on the borough’s policy.) There is a 9% increase, which includes expanded coverage and cyber liability. Bob made a motion to renew the insurance policy at \$1,023 per year through the United States Liability Insurance Group, from November 11, 2014 to November 11, 2017. Doug Doremus seconded. All voted in favor. Denis Dooley moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report and Janet seconded. Again, the board voted in favor.

New Business

Finance Committee

Doug Doremus thanked Bob for his assistance, and distributed his two-page report. He noted that this proposed budget will be amended at the January meeting after Library personnel have finalized their requests. Bob moved, and Maria Myers seconded, to approve the 2015 proposed budget. It passed without objection.

By-Laws

Roni distributed proposed changes to the By-Laws. For Article VII Meetings: “Therefore the board shall meet every month from January to November on a Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.” To this was added: “The May and November meetings will start at 7:00 p.m.” There was a roll call

vote. In favor: S. Autenrieth, B. Baker, D. Carter, D. Dooley, D. Doremus, E. Faulkner, S. Glazar, D. Heimerl, R. Larini, J. Murnick, M. Myers. Opposed: No one.

For Article IV Directors: “Each director so elected shall serve for a term of three years beginning at the close of the Annual meeting. Each director can serve three full, consecutive three-year terms. Therefore, the maximum number of consecutive years a director can serve is 10 (should a vacancy in the second year of a term occur, then they could serve ten years).” Discussion ensued regarding the terms. There was a roll call vote. In favor: S. Autenrieth, B. Baker, D. Carter, D. Dooley, D. Doremus, E. Faulkner, S. Glazar, D. Heimerl, R. Larini, M. Myers. Opposed: J. Murnick.

Nominating Committee

John Bertoni was not present. Elizabeth presented the Classes of 2015, 2016, and 2017. Sarah Glazar moved to accept the 2015 board and Debbie Heimerl seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Janet moved to adjourn the meeting and Debbie seconded. All voted in favor. The Annual meeting ended at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Faulkner
Recording Secretary