

Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library, Inc.
May 1, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The Student Volunteer Awards started at 7:00 p.m. Lia Carruthers, Youth Services Manager, explained that the students have to volunteer for 11 hours or more to receive an award. Above & Beyond goes to those with 11-30 hours of service, and Above Above & Beyond to those with more than 30 hours. Also, a Pre-Teen Award went to a sixth grader. Each student's name was read aloud and he/she came forward to receive a framed award from the Friends. Once completed, everyone adjourned for photographs and refreshments, including cake.

The Friends Board meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President Roni Larini. In attendance were Steve Autenrieth, Bob Baker, Caroline Browne, Dorothy Carter, Doug Doremus, Elizabeth Faulkner, Sarah Glazar, Megan Hartley, Deborah Heimerl, Roni Larini, Dan Lincoln, Shikha Mayer, and Nancy Verduin. Not in attendance were Mark Aronson, John Bertoni, Karen Brodsky, , Denis Dooley, and Janet George Murnick. Also in attendance were Lia Carruthers of the Library, and Lucy Orfan of the Library Board of Trustees.

Approval of Minutes

Dan Lincoln made a motion to approve the March 6, 2013 meeting minutes, and Nancy Verduin seconded. The motion passed unopposed, with one abstention from Doug Doremus.

President's Remarks

Roni Larini reported on the Library Group (formerly Tri-Partite) meeting held yesterday. She said she objected to part of the Foundation's major plan requiring Friends to provide names for its database of potential donors. Everyone is encouraged to donate to both groups. The Foundation's *Homes of Distinction* event will be held Sunday, May 19, and its Clambake event (by invitation) will be in June. There are three graduating Bernards High School seniors who have volunteered over ten hours. Each student will receive \$250 from the Friends at the Student Awards on June 11. The Sundays at Three program on April 28 with Jim Nuzzo was a success; 61 people attended.

Correspondence

Debbie Heimerl sent well wishes to Patrice Cummings. Also, the Friends received thanks for Bob Baker's tax assistance work (at the Library through VITA), including a donation.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Baker distributed his Summary of 2013 YTD & 2012 Cash Flows, and Summary of 3/31/13 and 12/31/2012 Net Assets, both dated April 10. He noted that the Friends are up \$3,000 from last year, and from last August till now, we received \$46,600 from 250 donors.

Library Director's Report

Lia Carruthers presented Karen Brodsky's Director's report in her absence. The slat wall panels in the juvenile fiction and non-fiction areas have been installed. Books move quickly from them. Summer Reading will be the next phase of the READ posters; several local people will be photographed for them. New purchases include speakers for the iPod touch (for children's programs music). Lia will submit a grant application for Playaway Views, which are useful for ESL students.

Committee Reports

Finance - Mark Aronson was not present.

Fundraising - Janet Murnick was not present. Roni said Janet is trying to get a speaker for the Friends fundraising event scheduled for October 27. To that end, Roni has written to Big Joe Henry, a shore radio personality, and is waiting for a reply.

Nominating - John Bertoni was not present.

Program - Shikha Mayer shared that she is planning a karaoke sing-a-long for Seniors' Day on June 7. She will email a sign-up list for menu requests, and set-up and clean-up schedules.

Public Relations - Caroline Browne said she's still seeking quotes for the Friends brochure. Lia has collected some parental quotes. The date for the summer reading program Ice Cream Social will be set for the end of August (5:00 set-up; 6:00 start time). Student Awards photographs will be submitted to the *Bernardsville News*.

Volunteer Recognition - Sarah Glazar has received 37 yeses and 40 noes for the Volunteer Luncheon on May 17. She distributed food, set-up and clean-up assignments.

Public Comments

Lucy Orfan reported that the Board of Trustees is very busy, but has no requests at this time. No one from the Library Foundation was able to attend.

Old Business

The By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee will meet before the next board meeting. In addition to Roni, Debbie, and Nancy, Elizabeth and Doug also volunteered to serve on it. Roni would like the Committee to present changes in September, for a November vote.

New Business

Dan informed the board that Bernardsville Print Center can make notepads out of the Friends stationery with the old Library logo. It will do this gratis with an order for new logo stationery. Doug said 3,600 pieces were ordered last autumn, with approximately 1,800 used. Board members agreed to use the old logo letterhead for one more fund drive.

Debbie moved, and Megan Hartley seconded, to end the meeting. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Faulkner
Recording Secretary