

Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library, Inc.
June 3, 2015 Meeting Minutes

President Roni Larini started the Above and Beyond Youth Volunteer Awards at 7:06 p.m. She thanked the students and their parents for the many hours these children donated to the Library. To receive an award, fourth graders had to volunteer more than 2 hours, middle school students more than 5 hours, and high school students more than 10 hours. Four middle school students and four high school students, who volunteered more than twice the minimum, also received gift certificates to The Bookworm from the Friends. After the awards were handed out, everyone enjoyed cake and beverages. Photographs were also taken.

The Friends Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Larini. In attendance were Bob Baker, Caroline Browne, Denis Dooley, Elizabeth Faulkner, Sarah Glazar, Deborah Heimerl, Roni Larini, Dan Lincoln, Shikha Mayer, Janet George Murnick, Maria Myers, and Laurie Och. Not in attendance were Steve Autenrieth, John Bertoni, Doug Doremus, and Nancy Verduin. Also in attendance were April Judge, Terry Thompson, Patrice O'Regan Cummings, Leslie Brown Witt, and Katherine Harris.

President's Remarks and Notifications

Roni Larini remarked that the Youth Awards are a worthwhile event. She thanked Caroline Browne for getting today's cake. Next she thanked Sarah Glazar for the fabulous Volunteer Luncheon last month. She said it was very successful holding in the Community Room. Roni shared that the Friends' Bingo night was lots of fun. She introduced Katherine Harris, who serves on the Library's One Book Bernardsville Committee and may be interested in joining the Friends.

Approval of Minutes

As there were no objections or corrections to the May minutes, they were approved.

Vice President's Report

Nancy Verduin was not present.

Correspondence

Maria Myers said there was no correspondence this past month.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Baker distributed reports for three months. As of the beginning of the week, we were \$3K down from the beginning of the year. We have been spending lots of money in the past five months: \$17,455 YTD for programs, books, DVDs, Playaways, professional development. Bob paid the \$175 invoice for the new Friends brochure. During our giving year, we have raised \$41K from 256 donors. 2014 documents have been given to our CPA to prepare tax reports: NJ at end of June; Federal in August. Audits will be done by September. Elizabeth made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, and Janet Murnick seconded. All were in favor.

Library Director's Report

April Judge reported that she, Pat Kennedy-Grant and Terry Thompson met with Mike Mondok to discuss the available basement spaces. It was deemed too expensive to remove walls, so the three rooms will be used as storage for the Library, Local History, Foundation and Friends. A big entry area can also be used as a meeting space for internal use. The Verizon FiOS update is nearly complete. Several programs have been lined up for the autumn in conjunction with One Book

Bernardsville. The Library's social media coordinator, Evelyn Fischel, created #libraryinmyhand, which has gained national and international followers.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach - Debbie Heimerl had nothing to report.

Finance - Doug Doremus was not present.

Fundraising - Janet George Murnick reported that bingo drew 27 attendees and netted \$650. For the autumn, the book and author luncheon with Mary Norris is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29 at Hamilton Farms. Roni has been working with its staff to plan the three-course luncheon (with wine). The other event in the works is beer tasting. The current frontrunner is the Long Valley Brew Pub.

Nominating - John Bertoni was not present.

Program - Shikha Mayer discussed Seniors' Day coming up in two days. She and Madelyn English decided to cap attendance at 65 to make sure that people move along in line.

Public Relations - Caroline Browne shared that there was a *Bernardsville News* article about the seniors' day breakfast and the Durante program. The fourth Ice Cream Social is scheduled for August 20 at 6:30 p.m. Bring a scoop! She will submit a photo from today's youth awards.

Volunteer Recognition - Sarah Glazar thanked everyone for making the Volunteer Luncheon a success. She noted that moving the day (to Monday) and the location (to the Community Room) worked well. 49 library volunteers attended. The energy was good and the prizes were enjoyed. Next year it will be scheduled during National Volunteer Week in April. Roni mentioned that we ended up with too much food and Debbie suggested we keep track of how much is spent.

Public Comments

Terry Thompson noted that the borough is moving ahead with updating/improving the heating system. It will also install a generator. Leslie Brown Witt said the Foundation's Homes of Distinction fundraiser in April raised \$31K. Its appeal letter was mailed on Monday.

New Business

Denis Dooley informed us that Chapter II will try meeting on a weekday due to diminished attendance on Saturday. An investment manager from Chase Bank will be the next guest speaker. Janet asked if anyone would be interested in learning CPR through CERT and the Red Cross. Debbie shared that the recent VNA Rummage Sale was the best ever, grossing \$700K+.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Faulkner
Recording Secretary