

Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library, Inc.  
September 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The Friends Board meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President Roni Larini. In attendance were Steve Autenrieth, Dorothy Carter, Denis Dooley, Doug Doremus, Elizabeth Faulkner, Megan Hartley, Roni Larini, Dan Lincoln, Shikha Mayer, Maria Myers, and Nancy Verduin. Not in attendance were Bob Baker, John Bertoni, Caroline Browne, Sarah Glazar, Deborah Heimerl, Janet George Murnick, and Laurie Och. Also in attendance were April Judge, Terry Thompson, and Patrice O'Regan Cummings.

President's Remarks and Notifications

Roni Larini reported that Laurie Och is taking an advanced degree class on Wednesday evenings and will miss the September-November board meetings. She will return to us in January. The gambling license for bingo is moving along; we have received a number and another thick application. The children's computers the Friends funded are in place. The screen savers indicate they are gifts from us, and there is also a "Message from the Friends" standing behind the computers. Roni thanked Caroline, Dan and Denis, who, along with her, helped out at the Ice Cream Social on August 21. They served 83 children, which was much lower than last year's 127. There was great coverage in the *Bernardsville News* with several photographs. Terry Thompson sent Roni an article about the former Vail Mansion becoming several restaurants and bars, including a Ratskeller in the basement. Perhaps it can be a venue for our desired beer tasting event.

Approval of Minutes

Dan Lincoln moved to accept the meeting minutes of August 6, 2014, and Dorothy Carter seconded. The board approved them, with one abstention.

Vice President's Report

Megan Hartley informed us that the Foundation did not have a meeting in August, and unfortunately she was unaware of its meeting on September 2.

Correspondence

Nancy Verduin is sending a thank you note to Penguin Ice Cream.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Baker was not present.

Library Director's Report

April Judge reported that approximately 300 children participated in the summer reading program, and thanked the Friends for hosting the Ice Cream Social. On Friday, August 22 the library was closed for staff development, which this year was a "service and space safari." Staff visited four libraries to study their examples. Information will be compiled and forwarded to this library's space consultant. Later, a patron survey will be sent out for input from the community. The Readers' Advisory Services Group met to discuss a variety of sci fi and fantasy books in order to better provide recommendations to patrons. The Parsons Memorial Garden reception will be on Saturday, September 6. For Maker Day on September 20, eleven makers have been signed up. One Book Bernardsville plans include hikes, visits to Lord Stirling Park and NJ Audubon Scherman Hoffmann Wildlife Sanctuary, and three library book group discussions. Another event in October will be an evening of "Stories Around the Campfire" for adults. April is looking for volunteers from the

borough to read a selection of poetry and more. Lastly, she requested that whoever leaves food in the refrigerator should label the container, e.g. “keep” or “up for grabs.”

### Committee Reports

Finance - Doug Doremus reported that our expenses are in good shape. Revenue for this year is at \$17,600 vs. our budget of \$56K. The only line items we depleted are Other Fundraising – for stationery and tote bags – and the Museum Pass Program.

Fundraising - Janet George Murnick was not present. Roni asked if anyone was available to post Author Luncheon flyers in Morristown or Chester. Maria Myers suggested posting the event on the Bernardsville Bubble, which is a Facebook group started by neighbors. Nancy read a list of items for November’s high tea. She recommended having a tea basket raffle. Steve Autenrieth said the tea speakers he found required fees of \$2-300. Nancy passed around a sample handout for bingo, on the back of which sponsors (businesses that donate prizes) would be listed.

Nominating - John Bertoni was not present. Roni said rosters of officers and committee chairs are needed.

Program - Shikha Mayer has booked “A Touch of Sinatra” for October 12 for \$400. She is looking for a program for December.

Public Relations - Caroline Browne was not present. Roni said author luncheon flyers are posted in Bernardsville, Far Hills, Peapack-Gladstone, Basking Ridge, etc. It will be promoted in the *Bernardsville News*, the Patch, and possibly the *New York Times*.

Volunteer Recognition - Sarah Glazar had nothing to report.

### Public Comments

Patrice Cummings reported that Donald Buset has resigned from the Board of Trustees as of August 31. The borough council is looking for appointees.

### Old Business

Roni distributed a document with the External Relations Chairperson duties and a proposed By-Laws change – board meetings every month at 7:30 p.m. She will suggest that the Foundation also create an External Relations position. Madelyn English has requested additional funding for museum passes. Megan moved that the Friends provide Madelyn with \$500 for American Museum of Natural History passes. Shikha seconded, and the motion passed unopposed. Dan publicly thanked Caroline for all the work she did for the successful Ice Cream Social.

### New Business

Denis Dooley informed us that the VNA Rummage sale will be held October 3-5. Donations will be accepted till September 24. Patrice said the 9/11 remembrance ceremony will start at 6:30 p.m.

Elizabeth moved and Dan seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Faulkner  
Recording Secretary