

Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library, Inc.
September 9, 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, Bob Baker, John Bertoni, Caroline Browne, Elizabeth Faulkner, Sarah Glazar, Deborah Heimerl, Roni Larini, Shikha Mayer, Maria Myers, and Nancy Verduin. Not in attendance were Denis Dooley, Doug Doremus, Katherine Harris, Dan Lincoln, 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 thanked Caroline Browne for organizing the wonderful Ice Cream Social in August. Over 100 children and their parents were served. Laurie Och has resigned from the Friends board due to additional work responsibilities. Madelyn English will send email blasts for the Author Luncheon. National Friends of the Library week begins October 19. Should we hang our banner in the library foyer?

Approval of Minutes

The August 5, 2015 meeting minutes were approved as written.

Vice President's Report

Nancy Verduin attended the Foundation meeting. The Homes of Distinction event is being planned for next May. The Foundation is still looking for names for its major donor campaign. Nancy distributed two pages outlining a revised Youth Awards process based on the criteria used this year.

Correspondence

Maria Myers will write a note thanking Friendly's.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Baker reported that from September 2014 through August 2015, the Friends received \$43,275 from 259 unique donors, the highest number of donors we have recorded. In addition, we had \$6,300 in matching funds, totaling approximately \$50K. Donations received in August totaled \$145 plus \$1,225 in matching funds. We paid \$1,170 in August for library programs. Through the end of August; the Friends has spent \$23K in 2015, of the budgeted \$45K for library funding. Bob paid the ALA renewal fee of \$155. He distributed a flyer for the 2015 NJLA Friends Institute, and suggested that those attending can carpool for the Saturday, November 14 meeting in East Brunswick. The Author Luncheon goal is 75 people. Bob will contact Doug Doremus to work on the 2016 budget. He is working with Madelyn English on the list of donor names for the November/December newsletter. Sarah Glazar moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, and John Bertoni seconded, after which all voted in favor.

Library Director's Report

April Judge reported that the summer reading program was very successful. 393 children participated - a 25% increase - in 138 programs. They read 3,766 books. April thanked us for the money donated for summer reading, and for the Ice Cream Social. She also thanked the volunteers who have signed up to help with Library card sign-up month at various locations. There will be a special display in the library of books featured at this year's Morristown Festival of Books. She requested using \$1,000 from the Print/Online Materials line item to purchase 8-10 new book group bags. Older bags will be retired. April announced that she will be retiring on November 1, and eventually moving to Seattle.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach - Debbie Heimerl said she has spoken with Tammy Lee. She and Eva Bostek-Brady of the Foundation will share the library's table at Bedwell's Back-to-School night later in September.

Finance - Doug Doremus was not present.

Fundraising - Janet George Murnick was not present. Nancy will join Roni on Friday to visit Vine Restaurant to discuss Oktoberfest set-up. The Oktoberfest flyers are ready. The bingo application will be signed right after tonight's meeting. We don't require any new bingo supplies, just prizes and food.

Nominating - John Bertoni is accepting suggestions for current and expected board vacancies.

Program - Shikha Mayer said we will have a Sinatra program on October 11, performed by Maggie Worsdale, and Michaela Glynn on December 13.

Public Relations - Caroline Browne notified us that two photos from the Ice Cream Social were in the *Bernardsville News* last week. She requested that someone take photographs at the Author Luncheon. She is working on the letter to accompany the list of donors in the next newsletter.

Volunteer Recognition - Sarah Glazar told us that next year's Volunteer Luncheon is scheduled for Monday, April 11, 11:30-1:30. She will work on a tentative budget. She will also set up a time to stuff holiday goody bags.

Public Comments

Patrice Cummings informed us that, in light of April's retirement, the library's repurposing plans are on hold. The new heating system is scheduled for the end of this year, or a little later.

New Business

Roni wondered if we should have a certificate of recognition, à la New York Public Library's.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Faulkner
Recording Secretary