

Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library, Inc.
November 6, 2013 Reorganization Meeting Minutes

The Friends Reorganization meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Roni Larini. In attendance were Mark Aronson, Steve Autenrieth, Bob Baker, John Bertoni, Caroline Browne, Dorothy Carter, Denis Dooley, Doug Doremus, Elizabeth Faulkner, Sarah Glazar, Roni Larini, Shikha Mayer, Janet George Murnick, and Nancy Verduin. Not present were Megan Hartley, Deborah Heimerl, Dan Lincoln, and Maria Myers. Also in attendance were Pat Kennedy-Grant of the Library and Patrice O'Regan Cummings of the Library Board of Trustees.

President's Remarks

Roni Larini thanked everyone for staying, and passed out a committees sign-up sheet.

Library Report

Pat Kennedy-Grant, Readers' Services Coördinator, reported that once again the Bernardsville Public Library has been named a five-star library. This is the fifth year in a row, and every year since the listing started. Our library is #2 in New Jersey and #5 in the US in its budget category. She said it could not have happened without the Friends and its funding. Today, Pat had three requests: 1) additional funds for the popular museum passes program (to take advantage of an offer from the American Museum of Natural History); 2) funds to purchase a new LCD projector; and 3) funding for a startup collection of Playaways for adults and consideration for a line item in the 2014 budget for additional purchases. After discussion, it was determined that the monies should come from the undesignated line item. Elizabeth Faulkner moved to provide \$150 for additional museum passes, and Janet Murnick seconded. The motion passed. Doug Doremus made a motion to approve the purchase of an LCD projector not to exceed \$700. John Bertoni seconded, and everyone voted in favor. Mark Aronson moved to approve the request for \$3,500 in 2013 to start the Playaways collection for adults. Nancy Verduin seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. Janet moved to designate \$1,200 in the 2014 budget for continued purchases of Playaways. Shikha Mayer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Patrice Cummings of the Board of Trustees said the Library Director search is underway. Fifteen applications were received, and have been narrowed to four. These are now being vetted. The goal is to have a new director by February 1 latest. She noted that Karen Brodsky left the Library in good shape, and the staff/library runs like clockwork. John La Duc presented the draft 2014 library budget at the Tri-Partite meeting, and will present it to the borough in the near future.

Committee Reports

Fund Drive

Janet Murnick reported that the fund drive letter, written and rewritten several times, will be sent early next week. Volunteers are needed to stuff the envelopes. Doug Doremus said he is cleaning up the mailing list to get it to 1,800 households.

Program

Shikha Mayer notified the board that there will be a Sundays at Three program on December 15 featuring Radio Raconteur performing *A Christmas Carol*.

Public Relations

Caroline Browne will write a letter to the *Bernardsville News* about the fund drive. And with Ed English's help, she will submit something to the paper regarding the CTW (Christie Todd Whitman) event. Finally, the Friends brochure was completed in time for that fundraiser. There was discussion about creating an email address list of Friends donors/members.

Volunteer Recognition

Sarah Glazar told the board that the Madrigals will perform on December 10 at the Library. Monday evening, December 9, board members will meet to make goody bags of cookies and candy for Library volunteers.

Old Business

Janet started a discussion about having another special event in 2014: location ideas, speaker ideas.

New Business

Denis Dooley reported that Chapter II is printing its final newsletter due to lack of funding and time. However, the group will continue.

Mark moved to adjourn, and Dorothy Carter seconded. All were in favor, and the meeting ended 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Faulkner
Recording Secretary