

Friends of the Town of Ballston Community Library Meeting Minutes
Date: February 1, 2022

Meeting called to order at: 9:00am by President Melia Gordon

Members Present: Stefanie Leshner, Tim Newell, Melia Gordon, Rebecca Darling, Sue Tomlinson, Peggy Sheaffer, Donna Keegan

Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept minutes: Tim Second: Peggy

Treasurer's Report:

Starting total:		\$11,174.60
Deposits		
Patrick and Karen Hackenberg Donation	\$1,500.00	
BHBL Rotary Club	\$250.00	
Pizza Works Donation	\$388.40	
		\$13,313.00
Expenses		
Melia Gordon Eagle Scout Project	-\$421.32	
Eddies Aquarium	-\$160.50	
Savings	\$3,758.96	
Interest	\$0.47	
TOTAL		\$16,490.61

Motion to accept treasurers report by: Peggy seconded by: Rebecca

Old Business

More talk about what we are doing with the money we are fundraising. Our expenditures include, but are not limited to: Library passes, book page subscription, maintaining the fishtank, scout projects, summer reading prizes, summer reading programs, tabletop games (when we start back up), The museum passes are a big expense every year (\$3,000). We want to maintain a cushion. Fish tank is not thriving. New fish have died. Other fish did not survive. Nature is cruel. There is talk about letting the fish tank go, but the children love it. The killer fish is the favorite.

March Dinner at BHBL fundraiser – We are probably going to use givebutter.com to collect money. They want to do Corned beef and cabbage and a fisherman's pie and vegetarian dish and kid friendly dish. Nothing set in stone, but well on its way. Potatoes are good.

Pizza Works – we got \$388 from the fundraiser. This was nice and easy. Pizza Works was happy, but they think it was a low total because of the cold weather that night.

Mini Golf – Tabled.

Construction – The library received a grant from NYS for approximately \$100,000. We are upgrading all our lights to LED's. This will save us \$6,000 per year. We are adding a local history room with display cabinets. We will have local history that you can borrow and things that you can reference. There will be comfortable tables and chairs. Plan is 3 phases. Starting with the local history room. Audio books and large type are in storage in the community room. Once they start the local history room, that should take a month. Once things are back in place downstairs, they will move upstairs. Children's room will be closed for 2 weeks, then a different part of the upstairs will be closed for 2 weeks and then they reserved 2 more weeks to complete anything that was not finished in the first go around. If everything goes as planned, the library should be back to normal by April ish.

Magnets – we will wait until they are .99 again and then we will get them and decide how we give them out.

Bags – we found the invoice – from Walshes in Cohoes. We bought 100 last time.

Boxes – we need more boxes – smaller – to send to Thriftbooks again. We got them from Mail N More. Rebecca will order boxes (smaller)

Clarification of mission and purpose – Margie sent us information from the Poestenkill library. We would like to take things from here and add Organizes the community to support the library. We fund more than programs and we provide staff. We don't want it to be too long. We are going to share it and let it brew for a month.

Summer Reading, we are going to add on a school supply drive. Melia talked to the school and they said it would be incredibly helpful to the teachers and students.

Bags for spring fling – We usually ask for an artistic volunteer to make the bags presentable. Donna loves doing this and will put them together. Donna will order new bags from Walshes. They will email Ruta to see if she would like to organize the gathering of the baskets. Bags should be out on display by 4/9 and done by 5/21

Art reception – The art is coming. But the reception is TBD. If there is a reception, it will be on April 9. The show starts on April 4. The Charlton school will be up for the month of May.

Spring book sale should be on the calendar. We want to plan for late May if we have to be outside. We can start collecting books once the community room is free from construction debris. We can do the week of 5/17. Sale will be on 5/19, 20 and 21.

New Business

The next meeting will be on March 1 at 7:00pm.

Motion made to adjourn at: 9:42am by: Tim seconded by: Rebecca

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Stefanie Leshner