

**Friends of the Town of Ballston Community Library Meeting Minutes**  
**Date: January 4, 2022**

**Meeting called to order at:** 7:00 by President Donna Keegan

**Members Present:** Stef Leshner, Donna Keegan, Rebecca Darling, Tim Newell, Patrick Keegan, Margie Morris, Sue Tomlinson, Peggy Shaeffer, Deb Fiedler, Melia Gordon, Deborah Roberts-Delamater

**Meeting Minutes:**

Motion to accept minutes: Peggy Second: Deb F

**Treasurer's Report:**

Starting total: \$10,661.64

Deposits

Hannaford \$7.00

Thrift Books \$305.96

Margie Morris Lifetime Member \$100.00

Philip Arony Living Trust \$100.00

\$11,174.60

Expenses

Savings \$3,758.96

TOTAL \$14,933.56

Motion to accept treasurers report by: Sue seconded by: Deb

**Old Business**

**Fundraisers:**

Hannaford Bouquets – Hannaford chose us for this promotion. If you go to the Hannaford in Ballston and get the specially marked bouquets, they will donate \$1 to the friends. We would like to put this out on FB, Instagram and the website.

Pizza Works – This event will happen on 1/26/2022. The friends get 20% of the take for the night. We will put an event on FB.

BHBL March dinner – This event will happen on 3/16/2022. The group is still talking about it and coming up with a theme. They are also trying to setup an online pay system. Donna is going to look into givebutler to set this up.

There was a question about what we are doing with all the money fundraising. The money is for all the usual things that the friends have been supporting. At this time there is no one big thing we are shooting for. Usually we have approximately \$3700 in the savings account. At the end of the year, there is usually \$5000 in the checking account. It was noted that we want to make sure to keep our balance under \$25,000 or we would need to hire an accountant to keep track of things.

Art Show – up in the air right now. The library is definitely getting the art for the community room, but whether we have an actual show remains to be seen.

Spring fling raffle – we would like to do this. We do not need bags yet. Discussion tabled until February meeting.

We are all still not on board with the magnets, so we are not ordering them yet. (but we did find out that they will stay on the car even in the car wash).

NYLA Membership went out. They cashed our check. We should be getting emails soon.

### **New Business**

Mission Statement – we would like a mission statement. We can put it on the first page of the friends library page. This would state the purpose of the friends. Melia and Donna will talk about this and bring suggestions to the next meeting. This was agreed upon.

Increasing dues – should we increase? Right now dues are optional. A motion was made to keep the dues as they are. We don't want to chase down people to pay by Tim seconded by Deb.

Summer Reading – We would like to do this in conjunction with a necessities drive. Something like in addition to reading, if you put something in the bucket you can get SR points. We would also like to maybe link this with a school program like backpacks. Per Rebecca, in the past we have donated to Our Lady of Grace food pantry and a local Animal Shelter.

Donna attended a NYLA Friends conference. One of the suggestions was for the friends to have their own FB page. We need to think about what we want on it. We will look at things and bring suggestions to the next meeting. (It was suggested that we update the friends page on the library website)

It was suggested that we post our agenda and minutes on the friends page on the library website.

We need to look into getting more bags for the Spring Fling raffle. We did not get them from Mail N More. Stefanie Lesher got them last time, but does not remember from where.

Next meeting will be held on February 1, 2022 at 9 AM.

Motion made to adjourn at: 7:52 by: DRD seconded by: Melia

**Minutes respectfully submitted by:** Stefanie Lesher