

**Friends of the Town of Ballston Community Library Meeting Minutes**  
**Date: 11/1/2022**

**Meeting called to order at:** 7:00pm by Vice President Peggy,

**Members Present:** Stefanie Leshner, Peggy Shaeffer, Rebecca Darling, Tim Newell, Wes , Sue Tomlinson, Elizabeth Newsom,

**Meeting Minutes:**

Motion to accept minutes: Stef Second: Rebecca

**Treasurer's Report:**

Starting total:		\$12,300.89
Deposits		
Thrift books	\$139.25	
Membership dues	\$25.00	
		\$12,465.14
Expenses		
Bennington Museum	-\$90.00	
Schenectady County Historical Society	-\$50.00	
ESAM	-\$60.00	
Savings	\$3,760.36	
Interest	\$0.47	
 TOTAL		 \$16,025.97

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

**Old Business**

The owl has arrived and is being used for tonight's meeting. It is working splendidly.

The holiday drive thru. This is happening at the high school. It will be the same as it was last year. There will be displays. They will have a bag that will be given to each car and the Friends will make something to put in it. We are not going to have an event at the library and the fire department does not have a bucket ladder to put lights on the tree. The friends will just join the event on the drive thru on November 29. Peggy can help with this. We will put out a message to get more help for this event. Motion made by Stef to pay up to \$100 to make something to put something in the bags. Second by Rebecca

If the Women's club is not having a tree event this year, the friends will still decorate a tree and place it in the library. The friends tree is probably in the shed.

This might be a good time to start thinking about a basket for the spring fling.

The BHBL school booked the library for the art reception on Saturday April 22, 2023.

Mini golf is a go this year. It will be the weekend of February 24. Setup will be Thursday February 23. Liz will send a letter out to sponsors by the end of the year. We will need to recruit hands. Liz will need help with the setup. We need to reach out to the scout groups about this. Liz and Billy will go to the shed and check out the equipment to see if everything is OK. Liz will let us know if she needs to purchase anything. Motion for mini golf by Liz for setup on 2/23 and play on 2/24 and 2/25. Second by Stef.

Burnt Hills dinner. We made about \$1800 on the dinner. Donna did all the work for it last year with getting it set up. We used givebutter. Tim received email to verify our information. We have booked the 3/15 date for the dinner with an Irish theme. Sue will choose the menu. Possibly same menu as last year but with a more generic meal also.

Construction update: Construction is still ongoing. They are supposed to be done by 11/11. The room is almost done, the lighting is almost done and it is very bright in the library. Rebecca took advantage of the upstairs being closed in order to rearrange some shelves and add seating.

Brandon books – Should we do this? If there is no cost to us to try this, the library is willing to double scan for a while. Rebecca suggestion is to wait until after the spring sale because we can get an assembly line going in order to scan.

### **New Business**

Special presentation from The Robotics club – They would like to put a box in the library that will be used to recycle used batteries. They are working with recycling companies. These will be for single use batteries. They would like the library to purchase a box for \$55 to put in the library. The box can hold 25 lbs of batteries. The club will ship the box back when full. A motion was made by Tim to purchase 1 box for the library. Second by Stef. Rebecca will send the trustees and email about this.

2 towns, one book – Tabling until Jenn sends us a proposal. Book is “People we meet” The novel is 2 years old, it is set in upstate NY. The author does Zoom visits. Jenn is planning a series of book discussions and community events.

Motion made to adjourn at: 7:45pm by: Tim , seconded by: Rebecca

**Minutes respectfully submitted by:** Stefanie Leshner