

Friends of the Town of Ballston Community Library Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday January 3, 2023

Meeting called to order at: 7:00pm by co president Donna Keegan

Members Present: Donna Keegan, Jenn Richard, Stefanie Lesher, Tim Newell, Sue , Peggy Shaeffer, Rebecca Darling, Liz Newsom,

Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept minutes: Sue Second: Tim

Treasurer's Report:

Starting total:		\$11,103.25
Deposits		
BSNB DONATION	\$250.00	
		\$11,353.25
Expenses		
Melia Gordon Recycle Box	-\$55.00	
Friends Hildene	-\$100.00	
The Wild Center	-\$525.00	
Savings	\$3,796.83	
TOTAL		\$14,470.08

BSNB sent us a \$250 donation because we are difference makers.

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

Old Business

Mini Golf – Letters to sponsors went out. If anyone comes into the library wanting letters, they are in the friends folder in the library. There are no sponsors yet, but the Scouts wants a hole in exchange for setup and tear down. The deadline to sponsor is January 27. This is Liz's last year doing mini golf. She is having a medical procedure. Billie will be helping out with it this year. They have not inventoried the shed, but Liz is not worried. Everything should be fine. They will get the equipment inside early that week to look at it and do any repairs needed. We don't have a calendar for signups yet.

Mini golf schedule:

Thursday Setup – 9-5 – All hands

Friday – Golf – 9-5 – 4 people , Concessions and Check in

Friday – Sponsors Tourney – 2 people

Saturday – Golf – 9-1 – 4 people

Saturday – Scout Tournament 1:30 – 3:00 Shot gun start, cookie and a patch at the end. 4 people

Saturday – cleanup – All hands

The concession food comes from donations, like home baked goods, but we will also purchase food. Motion was made by: Donna to give Peggy \$100 to purchase food and drinks from BJ's. Seconded by: Stef

We would like to do popcorn again. We would like to start advertising soon. We talked about setting up a hole, Rebecca said they can make room for this to generate interest.

BHBL Spartan catering dinner. Menu has not been decided yet.

Sue will talk to Nikki about the menu. Best sellers last time was corned beef and irish chicken and dumplings and chicken tenders and Baileys irish cream cake.

Battery recycle box from BHBL Robotics– has been installed. Is almost full.

Town Reading program. Jenn has spoken to the Author. Author is excited about the program and will Zoom in a couple of times. One like a book club kind of program and another as a meet the author kind of program. This was before the holidays, so they have not pinned down dates, but author is a go. Jenn brought up payment and author said that she would be willing to negotiate down because we were a library. Jenn is going to meet with Cupola next week to talk about an event there and also signature coffees to correspond to Library month.

Cupola and Library month – February - Cupola will design the bookmark. There will be literary themed drinks.

New Business

Town board meeting on 12/27. The town board discussed our legislation and charter update. The town board is “not opposed”. This is as glowing as it got. If the library would like to pursue this, that is fine with the Town Board. We will be moving into the next stages by working with our legislators, Walsh and Tedesco. They will get the ball rolling so they can get this change in the current legislation cycle. Hopefully they can get the update passed in the session in June and then it goes to the governor.

New Trustee – there are interested parties, but no applicants.

Ongoing friends book sale is now near the front door. Sue VanSlyck moved the books and made them look pretty.

Lights in the community room. Jenn changed many lightbulbs with a real ladder and a trip to a special electrician in Schenectady.

There is still no heat in the new history room. Someone is working on this.

Motion made to adjourn at: 8:00pm by: Rebecca , seconded by: Melia

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Stefanie Leshner

