

Friends of the Town of Ballston Community Library Meeting Minutes
Date: October 3, 2023

Meeting called to order at: 9:04am by Co President Melia Gordon

Members Present: Melia Gordon, Tim Newell, Rebecca Verhayden, Peggy Shaeffer, Julia,

Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept minutes: Peggy Second: Tim

Treasurer's Report:

Starting total:		\$12,205.19
Deposits		
Adjustment	\$1,664.72	
Booksale	\$990.00	
Hannaford smiles	\$86.00	
Arong donation	\$100.00	
Ongoing book sale	\$231.31	
Lifetime Heather Kosnick	\$100.00	
Venmo	\$149.60	
		\$15,526.82
Expenses		
Mail N More	-\$42.50	
Savings	\$3,798.25	
Interest		
TOTAL		\$19,282.57

Money has not been moved to savings yet as Tim has not gotten to the bank. Math on moving \$10,000. We would get \$5 per year. Tim suggests we spend the money. If we put this in a CD, it is stuck there for so long. But the money has been there for a long time without being touched. Fiscally, this does not make sense. But Tim will do this when he is able to go to the bank.

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

Old Business

Book sale – did not seem to make a difference being open 1 more day. We did not seem to sell more books. However, it was very well staffed. It was nice starting on a Tuesday evening. We did sort and setup on Monday and Tuesday. It was a very well-organized start. Less books than in the spring. Seemed like more people were buying for personal use. We will probably try this again in the spring to see how it goes.

Mini golf – small ramps and straightaways were painted, but we need to have another painting day to finish up. Everything is back in the shed but is easily accessible. It is a brighter green, so they will be able to be seen better. Next painting day will be 10/7.

Children's room installation. Trish is getting a second quote from the new Ace Handyman thing.

Changing legal name – we still need to do this.

BHBL Dinner – March 6. Sue is working on this. We will probably lean towards Irish.

New Business

New Library logo is on postcards – do the friends want to update our logo with new name and new color scheme to better correlate with the library log? We will have a new name also. It was a painful process last time, but we can go to the same person as who just updated the library logo. We will talk to pro bono first to make sure we can change the name and then we will decide on the logo.

Holiday drive thru – Rotary and BPA met about the drive thru – It started in 2020 in order to do something and it keeps growing. There was discussion about traffic and how to mitigate this. It is time to pay someone for traffic control. **November 28. 6:00pm**. We need young people to hand out bags. Donna will be coordinating decorations for the friends.

Friends of the library needs a facebook page. Peggy made a **motion to have a separate friends facebook page**. Seconded by: Rebecca. Melia will be creating this.

The library is updating all of its policies. The lawyers recommendation towards liability insurance for outside groups is that we are only going to allow non profit organizations to reserve the room going forward starting December 1. No individuals would be able to reserve the room unless they are under the umbrella of a non profit organization. If groups fall through the cracks, such as book clubs, the friends of the library can sponsor them and they would be affiliated. Motion for the friends to create a process for approving requests for sponsorship by Melia second by Peggy
We need an internal form for approving requests for the friends to sponsor a program to reserve the room.

Friends are in need of a new co president if Melia is elected to the library board. 2 people that might be throwing their hat in the ring: Patty Demarro and Jen Cole.

Library trustee vote is November 14. Those eligible to vote are: residents of the district who are legal residents of the town of Ballson. Rebecca will be getting the voter roll week of October 9.

Next Meeting is November 14 at 7:00pm

Motion made to adjourn at: 9:51am by: Tim, seconded by: Peggy

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Stefanie Leshner

FOLLOWUP:

Move \$10,000 to savings account – Tim

Changing legal name – Need to contact pro bono and see what we need to do – Tim

Mini golf – finish painting – Liz

Create Friends of the library FB page – Melia

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