

Friends of Rosendale Library
March 12,2016

Attendance- Eileen Meltzer, Jo Ann Reuben, Carol Campion, Vicki O'Neill, Florence Staats, Kathryn Giller, Eileen Hall, Cherilyn Craig (Brd. Pres), Eric Morrow (Brd. Member), Ann Sarrantonio

Secretary's Report- Minutes of the 1/9/16 meeting were accepted. Motion by Carol C., 2nd by Vicki O. Ann S. will be out of the country from April 6- May 9. **Community Foundations of the HV** sent their newsletter. **Book donations** are being offered by Toby Eisman. She would like someone from the library to come to her home and choose and box up her books to be donated to the library. After much discussion it was decided that Carol C. will ask Toby if we could invite Jessica Dupont from Half Moon bookstore to come with a member of the FRL and choose the books she would like and give a check to the library. Then some FRL can count and box up the rest to bring into Wendy a few at a time. Toby would like a letter for her taxes saying she donated X number books. **Library Advocacy Day** went well, Jo Ann, Barbara Morrow and her son John went to Albany to represent Ros. Lib. Ann passed around the folder given to Assemblyman Cahill and Sen. Bonacic at Library Advocacy Day. Next year we will try to get more patrons to use the Library Value Calculator by setting up the laptop at Fall events (Frozendale, Storyhour, Lib. Programs, etc.).

Treasurer's Report- No financial report this time because it is not the end of a quarter. **Money from Bookstore Owners** is rolling in. Jessica Dupont from Half Moon Books and the owner of Inquiring Minds in New Paltz have been visiting the office to cull the books that are more desirable to sell. Andy and Wendy facilitate this and it is working well. **Amazon Smile** 4th quarter profit was \$23.85, keep it up. FRL end of the year accounting is finished. We paid \$211.66 in sales tax (we pay only on our ongoing sales- Bookcellar, booktique, canvas bags). The Fed. 990 and the CHAR 500 (NY) have been filed. **Quickbooks** class that Jo Ann was considering at UCCC is not really what she needs. Sue Minter sent over her asst. Andrew who helped Jo Ann greatly and the charge was only \$100. FRL voted to authorize Jo Ann to hire Andrew again if she needs it. Also FRL voted to authorize Jo Ann to buy ink cartridges for her home printer since that is where she prints all of our reports. Thanks to **Kathryn Giller** who visited Jo Ann and is helping to get FRL bank statements entered.

Old Business- **FRL Bylaw revisions** including a new Whistleblower and Conflict of Interest Policy were accepted by unanimous vote. Motion by Florence S. and 2nd by Eileen H. The Executive Committee will sign the Disclosure Form every year. **Book Discussion** for All the Light We Cannot See was a success. The next one is April 17, the book is The Sandcastle Girls by Chris Bohjalian, Eileen H. will make a flyer and send an article to the April eNews. Thanks to Eileen H. for facilitating these discussions. **Rose Window eNewsletter:** APRIL- Advocacy Day Report- Barbara Morrow, April Bk Discussion- Eileen H., FRL Scholarship- repeat article from March eNews. **FRL Scholarship** applications have been sent out to Kingston, Rondout, New Paltz HS. And Ros Youth Center. Deadline for submissions is April 10. **Bookcellar ideas** were discussed. Joan & Joe Boris sent an email reporting that it will not be practical for the basement to have a handicap accessible ramp. We will not be able to encourage the public to meet down there. Carol C. suggested that maybe we could at least beautify the place by possible

putting down floor tiles and a baseboard to hide the rough corner where the cement floor meets the wall. And maybe improve the lighting. We decided to contact Carl Welden who is the Board Building person and to maybe contact Carpet One to get some advice about anything we could do to improve the floor even though it sometimes gets wet. Thanks to Ed Redelberger for keeping the bookcellar organized. **Spring Plant Sale** was discussed but since the Town will be replacing the water mains on Mains St. from April until July we will have to table this idea until next year. **Summer Book Sale** will be held on Sat., Aug 13 this year.

New Business- Request by Wendy regarding Book Prospector travel reimbursement was discussed. Wendy should ask her accountant about whether it would be worthwhile to take volunteer travel mileage for her taxes. This can only be done if she is going to UPS not during work time. The rate is lower for volunteers than for business travel. None of our other volunteers are reimbursed for travel. **Book Donation** situation was discussed. FRL would like to put a sign on the door saying that we will not be accepting donations between April and Aug. 1 because of the water main repairs. We can start collecting summer books sale books now and put them in boxes on the benches in the bookcellar to be organized for the sale. **New Shelving Unit for the Office** was approved. Eric Friedman gave us an estimate of \$620, which includes a \$250 discount. The shelf will be used for Local History and for better donated books waiting to be sold. **Sue Horowitz** received a grant from the NYS Council on the Humanities for a library program with Victoria Alexander on Animal Mimicry (May 11).

Board Report- AJ Snyder documents were found by Ann S. and Linda Tantillo, these documents will help the library board. Eric Morrow reported that the library will be replacing the old oil tank in the ground and putting in a newer one inside somewhere in the basement. The board is working on getting an **Audit** and Eric thinks that it will be a modified audit which will cost less. Ann S. was asking to forward the new FRL Bylaws to Cherilyn C. and Eric M. Cherilyn Craig was re-elected as the Board Pres. and Jacky David-Soman as the Vice Pres. of the Library Board, both for a one year term.

The next FRL meeting will be May 14, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Sarrantonio
March 15, 2016