

Friends of the Library Minutes
July 11, 2020

Present by Zoom: Eileen Hall, Eileen Meltzer, Mary Potratz, JoAnn Reuben, Judith Minissali, Lou Venech, Carol Campion, Vicky O'Neill and Beth King (board member)

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the last meeting in May were amended to include Lou Venech's name. Mary made a motion to accept the minutes with this correction. Vicky seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report:

JoAnn reviewed the report. The 2 CD's were redeemed and deposited into the Capital One Spark account as approved at the last meeting as that offers the highest interest rate at present.

The friends donated \$6000 from the Capital Campaign account for the construction project.

JoAnn will cash out the CD which is up on July 31st and move it to the Capital Spark account. Eileen M made a motion to accept transfer of the CD. Carol seconded it. Beth King thanked us for the donation for construction.

There is no income coming from the book cellar since the library has been closed.

Carol made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Vicki seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Scholarship Awards: 3 scholarship awards were given out at \$1000 each. The students were from Rondout Valley High school, Kingston High school and Our Lady of Lourdes High school. Photos and write ups for each student were in the July enews.

Book Discussion: Our last book discussion had a small group attending. The next book discussion will be on September 13th and the book is The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek It will be easier to get due to the library offering curbside pickup and interlibrary loan being active, again.

Library Re-Opening: There is no date for opening the inside of the library but the library has started curbside delivery which is working well. Beth King says the library has to figure things out about the air filtration system before the library would open

Library Renovations: There was additional work requested that was not included in the original estimate. The electric was more costly. The Rose window is lit up and

the wiring is now up to code. Katie requested additional funds of \$3556 requested from the RFL to cover the extra costs. Carol made a motion to approve these funds. Eileen M seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Summer Reading Program: Our summer reading program did not get a Stewart's grant this summer but there were some donated funds left over from last year. Those donated funds were used to purchase 4 gift cards from Postmark Books for prizes in the 3 categories of program participants - kids, teens and adults. The library has requested the RFL purchase 2 more gift cards so there are 2 prizes for each age group. Vicki made a motion to pay for the gift cards. Carol seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Children's Book Giveaway: Katie would like to do another children's book giveaway in August. We will help staff the giveaway and Lou offered to help with set up or clean up.

Book Adoption Day: There was discussion about another Book Adoption Day where people would be allowed to go into the basement. However it was felt that since there was no way to do this safely, even limiting people in the basement due to the lack adequate ventilation. We put the book adoption day on hold.

Membership Letter: JoAnn will update the annual membership letter. We want to ask people to be extra generous due to the fact we have no other fund raisers this year. Since Katie has been mailing out postcards with updated statistical information about the library itself, it was decided to leave that out of our letter and focus on the things the FRL has done or specifically funded.

Little Free library: Judith will check the Little Free Library to see if it needs more books.

Library Report: Beth King reported from the board that the personnel committee is working on a plan to open our doors to the public.

The next friends meeting is Saturday September 12th

Submitted by:

Eileen Meltzer- secretary