

Friends of the Rosendale Library meeting September 12, 2020

Present by Zoom: Eileen Hall, Eileen Meltzer, Ann Sarrantonio, Lou Venech, Katie Scott-Childress, Carol Campion, Mary Potratz, JoAnn Reuben, Judith Minissali, Florence Staats, Jacky Davis (Board member)

Secretary's report

Mary made a motion to accept the minutes from the last Friends meeting. Carol seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ann reported a Thank you note was received from a winner of the library scholarship

Treasurer's report

Discussion of becoming a member of NYLA (we are not a member now) and also to renew membership in the American Library Association. Cost is \$50 each. Lou made a motion to join both associations, Florence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Florence offered to donate the money to cover the cost of fees.

JoAnn reports she is trying to make the "donate" button more user friendly on our website. Discussed accepting credit card payments for donations. The website will be updated. JoAnn reports that in August the interest rate on the Capital-1 account dropped from 1.75% to 0.399%. We have \$55,000 in that account.

Old Business

Eileen H. And Eileen M. will send out the membership letters no later than 9/22. There are 142 letters to send.

Discussion of passes: the Empire pass has been used. In the next newsletter we will address the use of the passes, We now have passes for the Mohonk Preserve, Hudson Valley Maritime Museum and the Roosevelt Presidential Museum. (the Roosevelt museum is closed at this time)

Library census mailing: about 3,600 households were mailed the library update and information on the census. The cost of this mailing will be reimbursed by the State.

Little free Library: Judith reports it is working well. Books are being taken out and also donated. Joe Boris made a few repairs to the structure.

Newsletter: discussion of what to put in the October newsletter:

Notice about the library vote and offer the option of absentee ballots. These ballots can be picked up curbside or mailed if requested. Summer Reading Program prize winners- Eileen H. Museum passes- Ann S. Katie's corner. Story hour- repeat Friends of the library contributions to the library-how we have used our funds (from the membership letter). Link to the Friends supporter letter

New Business:

Budget vote is October 8 from 12-7 Volunteers from the friends will set up tents for voting outdoors, Judith and Eileen H. at 10 am and Mary P. at 7pm. However if the weather is bad the voting will need to be moved indoors.

Library parking update: Katie has 2 rough estimates for expanding the parking (this is now on hold). 7 spaces for \$21,000 and 12 spaces for \$50,000.

Board report

The board is unable to move ahead with some projects at this time.

No date is set to reopen the library

There will be a meeting with the staff about starting to make appointments for patrons to come into the library

Katie reports that our circulation numbers decreased 37% in August. She will try to call patrons who have not returned to the library and make sure they know about curbside pickup. Next friend's meeting is November 14th. There is a book club meeting on September 12th 2-3:30 on the library lawn.

Submitted by Eileen Meltzer, Secretary