

Friends of the Rosendale Library
Minutes
July 10, 2021

Present: Eileen Hall, Eileen Meltzer, Joan Boris, Lou Venech, JoAnn Reuben, Mary Potratz, Katie Scott-Childress, Sheila Dixon, Carol Campion

Secretary report

Joan made a motion to accept the minutes of our last meeting. Carol seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report

2nd quarter report was reviewed. JoAnn reported that interest rates for the savings accounts t Capitol One are dropping. She had inquired at the bank about their change in rates and they had no answer to why it happened. It was decided by the Friends to not make any changes now due to a low amount of money being made in interest in our accounts.

The budget was amended in several areas. The \$3000 scholarship expense line was changed to \$2000 and the scholarship income was changed to \$1000. The budget for the newsletter was reduced to \$200. The payment to the accountant increased to \$650. Lou made a motion to accept the amended budget. Joan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Fundraising letter update; we have taken in over \$5800.

Discussion was had about adding credit card payment option to our book adoption days. We would need to buy a reader, a tablet and pay the fees required for each transaction. Katie will shop for 2 tablets that will allow us to do this. The tablets can then also be signed out of the library for use by the public. We will revisit this decision when the tablets have been purchased and arrived as there is a significant delay due to shortages at present.

Old Business

Pop-up sale: Our Pop-up sale was very successful. Date set for our next sale is September 25th. The committee will consist of Joan, Eileen M and Mary.

Status of Book Cellar: Katie reports that the basement has flooded recently. Mold is starting to form. All books must go soon.

Onesies and notecards: Joan will get prices for ordering more onesies. We only have one left. We need to verify the prices on the notecards.

BT Headphones: Katie reports that the Blue Tooth Headphones have been received.

Rose Window E news: News for the August newsletter to include the September Pop-up sale, Book Discussion date, Amazon Smile and Friends meeting dates.

Pavilion Purchase update- Katie reported that Brads Barns is currently on vacation. Prices have been raised 4X this year. The prices quoted in June were: 16' x20' gazebo \$25,952.40 and 8' x10' shed \$4,010. The shed will be used to hold tables, chairs and books. The construction grant is due the end of July. Katie plans to include in the NYS construction grant application money for expanding the parking lot at the front of the building, a replacement heating and AC system, gazebo and shed. Katie is getting estimates for all these items. She is researching the type of heating air conditioning to get. The energy audit recommended to get a geothermal system as it is the most efficient and green system. It is also the most expensive. Katie will be gathering more information so the Board of Trustees can make a final decision and submit the grant. The grant requires a commitment of local funds in addition to the grant funds. Joan made a motion for the Friends to give the Library up to \$25,000 for these improvements. Eileen M. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. This motion gives the Friends President the authority to write a letter of support committing up to \$25,000 in funding.

New Business:

Summer Reading Program: The program is going well under Alison's leadership. The kick off event brought in about 100 people and was very successful. Alison is doing craft projects once a week with the Rosendale Youth Camp and once a week at the library. Katie requested that the Friends donate 6 more gift certificates to the Reading Program. Friends agreed to do this. Eileen will purchase the gift certificates. Money is allocated in the events line in budget for this.

Time Frame for Membership letter/Appeal: It was agreed that this letter will go out closer to the end of the year (Nov-Dec).

Fall Book Discussion: The book chosen is *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fiona Davis to be discussed on October 24th. It was suggested that the book discussion be listed in the events section of the Blue Stone Press.

Future FRL meetings: Since the Café has reopened Eileen H. will talk to Lily about holding our meetings there again. Other options were discussed in case the Café will not be an option.

Library Board Report: Sheila Dixon was at the meeting representing the Board and thanked the Friends for their work. Projects the Board is working on were discussed earlier in the meeting by Katie.

Submitted by
Eileen Meltzer, Secretary