

Friends of the Rosendale Library
Minutes November 13, 2021

Present: Eileen Meltzer, Eileen Hall, Joan Boris, Ann Sarrantonio, Florence Staats, Katie Scott-Childress, Lou Venech, Judith Minissali, Carol Campion, Barbara Piombino, Mary Potratz, Craig Zisman

1. Secretary's Report

Minutes of the last Friend's meeting were distributed and reviewed. Joan Boris made a motion to accept the minutes. Judith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report- report 7/1/2021-9/30/21 was distributed

The news is good. Our income is greater than our expenses .

Elimination of Book Fines 2022: The library going "fine free" was discussed. Katie reported that in 2019 \$1600 in fines was collected for late items including \$1 per day for videos. Also in 2019 \$200 was collected in replacement fees. Over the past 2 years DVD use has decreased and the video fine was reduced to 25 cents a day. So far in 2021 \$641 in fines have been collected. Katie estimates that the average for this year will be \$1225. \$53 has been collected so far in replacement fees. In order to be fine free next year, the library will need an additional \$1200 added to the budget. In future years, the Board of Trustees will adjust the budget to account for this lost revenue.

The Friends decided we could make up the \$1200 difference in the 2022 budget for the Library. Eileen M. made a motion to make up the difference. Lou seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Katie suggested eliminating the replacement fee for Rosendale residents for children books only from our collection. Also Katie discussed the idea that the library will issue a bill when the material is over a month late. The bill will ask for the cost of replacement but if the material is returned there will only be a \$2 fee. When books from other libraries are not returned the policy of the other library will need to be followed. Other libraries have found the circulation goes up when following a fine free policy. It has a positive impact on usage. Craig (representing the board) feels strongly that the Board will adopt this policy.

3. Old Business

Fall appeal letter- The letter has been printed seeking donations to cover the unfunded part of the NYS Library Construction Grant. 950 letters will be sent out at bulk rate. Volunteers will meet at the Library this Wednesday to address and seal the envelopes.

Frozendale and Raffle Baskets- Nancy Tuller brought in another bag of knitted items to sell. 2 Raffle baskets donated by the Friends and 2 baskets donated by Rachel Callen from Indigo Books were put together by Mary are on display. Ann will ask Alison to send out an Ebulletin and post pictures of the baskets on our Facebook page. Joan reported that we will sell small gift items and knit items at Frozendale on 12/4/21. Cookies will be donated by the Bruderhof. There will be children stories read. Joan will put up a sign across from Stewart's. A signup sheet was passed around for volunteers that day. The raffle baskets will be drawn at the end of the day.

Book cellar- A lot of the basement is cleaned out and looks good Thank you to Joan and Eileen. Patrons are going into the basement everyday to look and buy books.

4. New Business

Library tote bags- We have 9 bags left and need to restock our supply. We can order 100 now to be received in January. Joan made a motion to take the funds from the savings account to pay for them. Barbara seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Tablet for credit card- JoAnn bought a Kindle Fire for \$57. The Friends can reimburse JoAnn from the office supply budget.

Quilt donation- Juanita Yarter donated a beautiful queen size handmade quilt to the library. It was decided to offer it for sale and ask for a minimum price of \$300.

Library Board report- Craig thanked the Friends for all their work. He also thanked Katie for the great job she is doing as director.

Next meeting is January 8, 2022

Submitted by Eileen Meltzer, Secretary