

Friends of the Rosendale Library
Minutes
January 8, 2022

Present by Zoom: Eileen Hall, Eileen Meltzer, Joan Boris, Ann Sarrantonio, Mary Potratz, Jo Ann Reuben, Lou Venech, Carol Campion, Judith Minissali, Florence Staats, Beth King, Katie Scott-Childress

1. Election of President and Secretary.

There was a motion to accept the slate of Eileen Hall and Eileen Meltzer. Motion passed unanimously. Eileen Hall President and Eileen Meltzer Secretary for a term of 2 years.

2. Secretary's report

Minutes of the last Friend's meeting were reviewed. Lou made a motion to accept the minutes. JoAnn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's report

A. Quarterly report reviewed.:

Expenses are large due to the payment of the pledged Capital Campaign donation and printing of the fundraising letter. We had voted last year to donate \$25,000 toward the expenses of the NYS Library Construction grant. Our income would be larger than our expenses if the \$25,000 donation was not included. JoAnn reported that any money donated on line goes directly into our checking account and then she has to move the money into Capital One savings accounts. The total amount of money donated on line was \$3960 which decreased to \$3862 due to paying PayPal fees.

B .Budget analysis: 2021

The budget was modified several times during the year. Our income was close to what we anticipated and our expenses were less. There was no membership letter this year due to the fundraising appeal letter sent instead. Our biggest expense was equipment for the library. Eileen H reported that we have been very flexible over the past year due to the library closing due to the Pandemic. FRL funding for library programming has also changed due to more funding for programming in the library budget.

C. 2022 Budget:

Discussion of expenses for the year: We need to include \$1200 to cover the loss of anticipated book fines for the year. There was a discussion of the postage line in the budget. Eileen H. explained the difference between outreach postage and the Friend's business postage. We will need a line for Capital Campaign expenses to include postage, printing and mailing. We need \$700 for each library newsletter mailing. We will add \$2000 to the line since we don't know exactly what we will need. The canvas bags need to be added to the budget for \$800 to be paid this month. Katie reported that she would like to replace a MAC computer for our patrons who don't use PC's. We could move some money out of the equipment line which would decrease that item to \$1400. The scholarship line will be decreased to \$1000 to give a scholarship to 1 student since the additional 2 scholarships are no longer being funded by the Bowens. Judith Minissali will once again donate \$1,000 for the scholarship, in memory of her husband F-Stop. Judith asked a question about the community bulletin board kiosk usage. Katie reported that when the parking lot is expanded the board will be taken down.

Discussion of Income for the year: We anticipate \$1000 income from outdoor book sales which will take place from the new shed and in the gazebo. We plan to take in \$6000 from the appeal letter. It will no longer be called a membership letter. We will increase the price of the canvas bag to \$12 starting this Monday. We will need to add \$2475 from our savings account to balance the budget.

Joan made a motion to accept the budget. Mary seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Old Business:

- a. Frozendale and Raffle Baskets report. Ann reported that we did very well. WE thanked Joanie for her hard work on this event. The funds that had been donated for books in the bookcellar, combined with Frozendale book, gift items and raffle sales totaled \$1,073.
- b. Book cellar closeout: We are officially closed as of today. Lou has packed up many boxes to send to Better World Books. Joanie will take any leftover children's books and store them to be used for the Little Library. We need to have volunteers to scan more books to be sent to Better World Books before we dispose of the books remaining in the basement. Joan, Mary and Lou volunteered to scan more books. We will ask Woodcrest if they could haul the unwanted books out to be recycled or put in the landfill. Ann will check on the requirements for recycling and dumping and coordinate this.
- c. Gazebo and shed update: Katie reports that Eric Friedman staked out an area where they will put the gazebo and shed but we need an accurate drawing of the property lines before completing the application for a building permit. The permit must be issued before the site preparation work can be done. We have a surveyor who will do this without charge this month.

5. New Business:

- A. Library tote bags: we received 100 bags which are already being sold at the front desk. The price will increase to \$12 starting Monday.
- B. Fundraising plans: Eileen H and Joan attended an online MHLS program outlining Friends fundraising ideas. There were some good ideas and we chose 2 ideas for our Friend's group. Crazy Calendar Raffle- Eileen M, Joan and Mary will work on this. Garden Tours- Joan, Judith and Eileen H will work on this. Both subcommittees will report back at the March meeting.
- C. Turning Out Action Plan: One of the action for 2022 is developing a volunteer program. The library staff and the FRL will work together on this objective. The FRL will also investigate installing another Free Little Library in the Tillson or another hamlet outside the village of Rosendale. The FRL appreciate that the Library finally has a strategic plan with concrete steps.
- D. Book Discussion: The next discussion is February 27th. The book selection is Harlem Shuffle by Colson Whitehead. The discussion will be in person or on Zoom depending on public health concerns.
- E. Books for Babies: We have 9 left. We may need to restock later this year.

6. Library Board Report. Beth King reports that the library Board has a new President Sheila Dixon and a new Vice President Jacky Davis. Beth reports that on behalf of the Board she

thanks the Friends for our support. She thanked Eileen H and JoAnn for attending the Board meetings. She thanked the Friends who participated in the Turning Out program.

Next friend's meeting is March 12th.
Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Eileen Meltzer, Secretary