

Friends of the Rosendale Library
Minutes January 9, 2021

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

Secretary Report

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

Ann reported that the Library staff enjoyed the gift basket treats from the Friends and thanked the Friends for this Christmas gift.

Treasurer's Report

Budget report was reviewed for the last quarter of 2020. It was noted that the supporter letter brought in a large number of donations. The Amazon marketplace income will go into the Capital Campaign. Ann made a motion to accept the report. Florence seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion of the upcoming budget expenses and income for 2021.

Alex will continue doing the newsletter at the same fee. Amount paid to the accountant will likely increase. Amount paid for postage is not projected to increase and PO Box will increase. When we need a large number of fliers printed we will use Staples- otherwise, we will use the library printer for smaller numbers.

Katie spoke about sharing fees with other libraries to offer on-line programs to the public. We will leave money in the budget for possible outdoor programs this summer and fall. Katie requested money for library equipment to lend to the public such as mobile hotspots and laptops. Other libraries are doing this. Policies and procedures for lending equipment will need to be developed by the Board of Trustees. Equipment budget was increased to \$3000. Katie reports that a college student was working on digitizing the local history files. The local history budget expense line will be deleted in this year's budget.

There is no projected income this year from our usual book sales. We expect donations again from the membership letter. We expect income from Frozendale if that event happens this year. We will do the raffle baskets even if we are still only doing curbside. Ann will put a Library tote bag outside to advertise that bags are available for purchase. We have about 20 bags left.

There was an attachment of the budget analysis emailed to the Friends prior to the meeting.

Old Business

Election of Officers

Jo Ann Reuben was nominated for treasurer and Mary Potratz nominated for Vice President at our last meeting. Carol made a motion to reelect them both to office. Joan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Rose Window newsletter

February news includes Library Lovers month, concert on line, Katie's corner, Advocacy Day, scholarship applications and election of officers. March news includes a repeat of the scholarship application info, Spring book discussion, 5 year plan committee.

Building/5 year plan committee

Eileen H and Eileen M volunteered for the committee. Katie will forward them the link to virtual orientation from Mid-Hudson Library System to be held on 1/15/21.

Virtual Book Discussion

Scheduled for January 31st on "Book of Lost Friends"

New Business

Staff Retirement

Sue Horowitz is retiring after 28 years at the Library at the end of January. Eileen H. will send out an email asking for donations to purchase a gift card for her.

Bookcellar

Katie reports we still have a flooding problem in the basement and she is getting estimates for repairing. We need to get rid of books that don't have value. Some may be worthwhile to sell on Amazon. We will ask for volunteers to go through the books.

Little Library

Joan reports that there are index cards left at the Little Library requesting certain books. When Judith goes to Florida Eileen H will monitor the Little Library. Joan will collect the cards left and make up new ones to include the person's name and phone number so they can be contacted about their request.

Jo Ann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joan seconded the motion.

Submitted by Eileen Meltzer, Secretary