

Friends of the Rosendale Library Meeting
November 14, 2020

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

Secretary Report

Vicky made a motion to accept minutes from our last meeting. Carol seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Ann reported that we received a check for \$340 from Indigo Mist (Rachel- owner) who also gives us a percentage of her income from book sales monthly sales twice a year.

The Hudson Valley Museum newsletter is in the Friend's box if anyone wants to read it.

There was a wonderful letter in the Freeman written by Board Trustees, Rose Unes and Amber Billey about Friends of the Library Week acknowledging the great work that the Friends do to support the library.

Treasurer's report

Jo Ann Reuben reported that donations sent to an old email address have been transferred and she will check every month to see if donations need to be transferred.

We received \$3500 as of now from the Supporter Letter,

The third quarter report and budget analysis was reviewed. Items that we had planned to spend money on we didn't need to due to the shutdown. There is still money in the budget not spent. Income has also been dramatically reduced due to the bookcellar, book adoption days and Frozendale being cancelled. Money from savings has made up the difference. Katie discussed library construction grant money. If we bundle the parking lot project with new program space project it makes the project more favorable to receive the state construction grants,

Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Eileen M. Motion seconded by Judith.

Motion passed unanimously,

Old Business

E-news for December and January-items to be in newsletter are: update on supporter letter donations, Tutor.com, thanking Indigo Mist for her contributions, Katie's Corner and food donations.

Walking program will continue weekly either Wednesday or Thursday throughout the winter. Walkers meet at 10:00 am at the Binnewater Rd parking lot.

Food pantry donations- staff will continue to put out bags for donations outside the library.

New Business

Tutor.com. This is a Nationwide company. It is available 2pm-9pm everyday for students kindergarten through college. The student is assigned an individual tutor for free. Some services include language learning, SAT prep and job seeking help. Funding this service cost the library \$450. Future funding amount will be determined by how much the service is used.

Book discussion. The next book discussion will be about the book Book of Lost Friends on January 31st.

Officers for election in 2021: Mary Potratz for VP, JoAnn Reuben for treasurer. The slate will be voted at the January meeting, Nominations will remain open until the January meeting.

Staff acknowledgment: The Friends want to acknowledge the outstanding job the staff has done this year-putting in extra time and effort. Katie mentioned how she and the staff love to receive personal thank you cards. The Friends decided to make up a gift basket of foods to be shared by the staff and Friends will write a personal letter to a staff member thanking them for their dedication and hard work. Eileen H, Eileen M. and Joan will get items for the basket and Mary will put it together. We ask that money and cards be brought to the library by December 7th and the basket will be given to the staff on December 14th.

Forming a building committee: Katie reported that it would be good to have "Friends" on the committee in addition to staff and Board of Trustee members. At this time an exploratory committee is being formed which will meet monthly. Construction bids and ideas to raise community support are needed. Let Katie know if anyone is interested in being a part of this,

Library Board Report: The board needs a treasurer. Office of the Comptroller prefers that the treasurer is not part of the Board. The treasurer needs to sign checks once a month. This job would pay a monthly stipend of \$100.

The library is going to continue curbside pickup for now. No date is set for when patrons can enter the library again.

Friends meeting dates for 2021 are January 9th, March 13th, May 8th, July 10th, September 11th and November 13th,

JoAnn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

Submitted by Eileen Meltzer, secretary