

Friends of the Rosendale Library  
Minutes March 13, 2021

**Present by Zoom:** Eileen Hall, Eileen Meltzer, Ann Sarrantonio, Mary Potratz, JoAnn Rueben, Joan Boris, Lou Venech, Carol Campion, Katie Scott-Childress, Rose Unes

**Secretary's Report**

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

Ann reported that the New York State Sales Tax Exemption forms needed to be updated to name Eileen Hall as President of the Friends. Ann reported that we received a check from Indigo Mist Books for \$140.

**Treasurer's report:**

There was discussion of the 2021 budget and the need to revise it in view of the fact that an expense of \$3000 was in error recorded as \$300. This resulted increasing the amount of the funds needed to be transferred from savings from \$3390 to \$6090. Eileen offered three options: 1) Transfer the additional funds from the savings account. 2) Increase income through additional fundraising 3) Cut expenses. Discussion was opened before voting on action to be taken.

Joan had several ideas on fundraising

1. mini popup book sale
2. host a "not a book sale"- send out mailers with a specific fundraising goal
3. basket raffles
4. sale of bricks "pave the way" for a future building addition
5. call and directly solicit our big donors

Joan, Eileen M and Mary volunteered for a committee to organize a pop up book sale. \$1000 was added to the income budget line book adoption /outdoor book sale. Katie suggested that the pop up sale coincide with the next phase of reopening the library. We would give quick tours of the library on the same day.

\$5090 will still need to be transferred from savings into the budget. Eileen M made a motion to accept the new budget. Joan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Katie suggested to send out an appeal letter. Eileen H and JoAnn volunteered to write the letter. The specific goal will be raise \$5,000. This will be a separate appeal from the annual membership letter.

Katie also proposed building an outdoor pavilion or gazebo that could be used by patrons to access wi-fi when the building is closed or to avoid being inside for health safety concerns. The one picnic table on the lawn gets used frequently. The pavilion could also be used by the children's and adult programs. Katie will get cost information on purchasing/constructing a pavilion or gazebo.

### **Old Business:**

1. Future of the book cellar: start outdoor sales this year to clear out books and throw out the oldest out of date books.
2. Turning Outward Committee update: Eileen H and Eileen M are representatives from the Friends. Katie and Ann are representing the staff. Jackie, Carl and Bill are representing the Board. There has been 1 meeting of the committee and a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting is scheduled for next week.
3. Rose Window news: April newsletter will include Museum passes, introduction of new staff member, Earth Day program, Hot Spots and Katie's corner.
4. Book Discussion: "The Woman in the Window" discussion scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm on Zoom.
5. Museum passes: Free passes were received from a sculpture park "Art Omi" in Ghent. The Hudson River Maritime Museum sent us new passes extending into 2022 to compensate us for the passes we bought in 2020 just before they closed due to the pandemic.
6. Scholaships: \$1000 was donated by Judith Minissali. Joan made a motion to rename the scholarship Richard F-stop Minissali scholarship. Eileen M seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. We have not received word from the family of Matthew Bowen regarding funding for this year. Ann has reached via email and phone and not gotten any response. The Bowen's had assured us last year that they would continue to fund the scholarship in future years. If we don't receive confirmation of the donation we will take the money out of our budget this year only. The scholarship applications will be read and winners chosen by Eileen M, Joan and Carol.

## **New Business**

Amazon Marketplace Sales: Andy will stop doing the job of monitoring sales and shipping the books to buyers for the Amazon Marketplace. Eileen H volunteered to do this job for a limited time while we decide whether we have the volunteer commitment to staff it. Joan offered the option of bringing these books to Barner Books to sell. Eileen will meet with Andy to cull some books to bring to Barner for sale. She and Andy will also turn the marketplace back on as it has been shut down for the last few months.

## **Library Board report:**

A new full time librarian I was hired who specializes in children's programming. The personnel policy has been revamped and many policies that were in practice were written and approved by the board. Katie and the board have focused the past year on foundation building including library physical plant and staffing. The hot spots that were discussed at our last meeting were purchased and will be available for loan following the same guidelines that are used for the loan of the Kindles.

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

Submitted by  
Eileen Meltzer, Secretary