

Friends of the Rosendale Library
Minutes May 8, 2021

Present: Eileen Hall, Eileen Meltzer, Joan Boris, Ann Sarrantonio, JoAnn Reuben, Lou Venech, Mary Potratz, Katie Scott-Childress, Beth King

Scholarship Presentation

Richard F-Stop Minissali scholarship presented to Liam Roddy who is planning to attend SUNY Ulster

Matthew C. Bowen scholarship presented to Logan Volk who is planning to attend SUNY Ulster

Secretary's Report

Ann reported that we received a check from Indigo Mist for \$367 from the sale of magazines.

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

Treasurer's Report

We have received \$4165 from 30 people in response to the fundraising letter sent out by Eileen Hall in April.

JoAnn reported that the PayPal fee has been over \$50 due to many more on line donations. The PayPal app on a phone can be used at the pop up book sale. Another option discussed was "Square". The hardware costs \$79 and fees are similar to PayPal. JoAnn will explore setting up a PayPal credit card account so the FRL can accept credit cards.

The 1st quarter report was distributed and reviewed.

Eileen M made a motion to accept the report. Joan seconded the motion. Motion accepted unanimously.

Old Business

Popup book sale- Joan and Joe will put up the signs for the sale. Eileen M. will put a sign up sheet in the library asking for volunteers. There was discussion of setting up the tents and tables the night before. Additional donations of baked goods will be sought. Woodcrest is sending over people to help carry tables and books upstairs. They will take the books to the Salvation Army when it's over. It was strongly suggested that the set up happen on Friday evening as there is not enough time to do it on Saturday morning. The raffle basket is ready and tickets are available for sale. Still need a few more volunteers to staff the sale on Saturday afternoon.

Turning Outward Committee update – 2 community conversations have been done so far. Eileen H. reviewed the purpose and experiences of the committee.

Rose Window News – Alison has taken over the newsletter from the Friends. The use of Mail Chimp was stopped and instead “Library Aware” is being used. This service is paid for by the Library Association. The last E-newsletter was sent to 1944 people and opened by 700. The next newsletter will contain information about the book sale. All material for the enewsletter should be sent to Ann and she will forward it to Allison.

Book Discussion- The book “The Vanishing Half” will be discussed on Sunday May16- outside or inside the library depending on the weather.

New Business

Bluetooth Headphones - The Friends will purchase a Bluetooth headphone for the Kindle. This is paid for out of the equipment budget. Katie can buy Ebooks or audiobooks to load on the Kindle and then call the patron to let them know when it is available.

Library Board Report

Beth thanked the Friends for all their volunteer work. Beth reported that a new Librarian was hired, Allison. Patrons were allowed back in the Library as of May 1st. The personnel Committee of the Board will pursue a self- assessment process for the Board. The Board will investigate having a pavilion outside the library. Katie reported we are applying for a construction grant in 2 phases. The furnace is old and malfunctioning and will hopefully be funded in the first phase construction grant.

Next meeting is July 10th

Joann made a motion to adjourn. Lou seconded the motion.

Submitted by

Eileen Meltzer, Secretary