

**FRIENDS OF THE EAST GREENBUSH COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**

In attendance: Charlie Pensabene - President  
Liz Reyner - Treasurer  
Eileen Riley - Secretary  
Jill Dugas Hughes - Library Director  
Susan Bell - Friends Liaison Community Relations Coordinator @ EGLibrary  
Julie Ann Price - Book Sale Chair  
Anne Burton - Advocacy  
Linda Murphy  
Erin Cade  
Gale French  
Betty B. Giugno

Meeting called to order @ 6:30.

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Ms. Reyner made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 15, 2021 meeting as presented. 2nd Ms. Giugno. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Balance on September 21, 2021 \$37,579.03.

**BOOK SALE/FUNDRAISING:**

Expanded shelf room  
Open donation books outside Children's Room  
Donations will now be accepted every day @ the shed

**MEMBERSHIP/DATABASE:** Someone is possibly interested in that position.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** No report.

**ADVOCACY:** Instead of telephone calls, emails regarding the election were sent 5-6 days before the election. A second was sent the night before. 253 responded by voting. In 2020 nothing was done and 336 voted. A possible explanation is that we had 4 candidates for 2 positions. In 2019 with 1 candidate and calls 252 voted.

In the future 3 emails can be sent - 1 to advise absentee ballots are available. Could also do a press release in the Advertiser for free.

**LIBRARY REPORT:**

Extended hours Friday night, Saturday and Sunday  
Safety measures in place - masks

Fewer participants in meetings  
Craft kits  
Book bundles  
Free access to TU, Consumer Reports and more  
726 participants in Summer Reading Program with 9,528 books read  
Opened remotely only 1 week after shutdown  
1000 Books before Kindergarten program needs additional bookbags.

**MOTION:** Ms. Reyner made a motion to ti grant the Library \$500.00 for the purpose of purchasing bookbags for the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. 2nd Anne Burton. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mini book sales
- Better World Books staff person no longer @ Library - would like to turn it over to Friends
- Hallway sale
- Ok to use room for sale

Erin Cade introduced herself and expressed an interest in being Vice President.

**MOTION:** Ms. Reyner made a motion nominating Ms. Cade Vice President. 2nd Anne Burton. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.

**MOTION:** Ms. Cade made a motion to adjourn the meeting @7:30. 2nd Anne Burton. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen Riley, Secretary

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 16, 2021 @ 6:30.

