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## **Minutes of April 10, 2018**

### **Present:**

Anne Burton, Michael Catoggio, Patrick Cronin, Mary Davitt, Dinah Farrington, Betty Giugno, Judith Maguire, Linda Murphy, Lynne Oudekerk, Liz Reyner, Monica Seeber, Kate Hafner

### **Minutes:**

Minutes of the Feb 20, 2017 regular meeting were approved unanimously, with Anne Burton moving and Linda Murphy seconding.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Judith submitted the treasurer's report. The balance as April 10, 2018 is \$35,144.43  
The report was approved unanimously, with Lynne Oudekerk moving and Patrick Cronin and Kate Hafner seconding.

### **Membership/Database:**

We currently have 202 households this year, with 180 renewals, 25 renewing from previous years and 7 new members. A total of \$3150 came in as additional donations.  
Pat is still working on a new database; a group will get together in the near future.

### **Book Sales:**

New tables have arrived. They are lighter and stronger than the old ones and are all 5' long. We are having difficulty finding someone to take the old tables. We also could use more volunteers---particularly for the clean-up on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Advocacy/Membership Committee:**

Anne Burton went to Advocacy Day on Feb 28 at the NYS Legislature. Jill Dugas-Hughes, Judith Maguire, Jean Sheviak and Bob West were also there. They were with the Upper Hudson group and were asking for an increase in the budget for library operating funds and construction grants (some needed to provide handicapped access in older buildings.) The results of the advocacy with the passage of the budget resulted in: \$96.6 million in operating funds, one million more than requested and \$34 million in construction grants, 10 million more than last year

There were 3 events co-sponsored by the Library and Friends of the Library. The first one was on Sept. 27 by the League of Women Voters of Rensselaer County about the pros and cons of the Constitutional Convention. About 50 people attended.

The second was "Gals who play Jazz" on Dec. 10. Again about 50 people attended.

The third was a "Meet the Author" on March 17. Patricia Nugent of Saratoga Springs presented the book "Before They Were Our Mothers: Voices of Women Born Before Rosie Started Riveting". Patricia Nugent is the editor, and presentations were made by 6 of the storytellers. There were over 35 in attendance. At the end of the talk, Patricia Nugent made a plaque presentation to the Friends of the Library – a piece that she had written- on the importance of the Library. Anne Burton accepted this on behalf of the Friends and donated it to the Library for permanent display.

Anne is planning to ask Wanda Fisher of WAMC to discuss her book "Empty Seats" at some time in the future, This would be our second "Meet the Author."

#### **Library news:**

Jill could not be with us because of a family emergency; we will catch up with grants and news in June

The date we have to submit our column for the next newsletter is April 20.

**Next Friends Regular Meeting: June 19, 2018 at 6:30 PM**

Submitted by Kate Hafner