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**FRIENDS OF THE EAST GREENBUSH COMMUNITY LIBRARY MEETING
JUNE 18, 2019**

In attendance: Liz Reyner; Eileen Riley; Patrick Cronin; Linda Murphy; Jill Dugas Hughes – Library Director; Michael Poost - Library Board President; Mari Harris; Elizabeth Giugno; Kate Hafner; Lois Hazelton; Jennifer Tillman; Charlie Pensabene; Karen Pfindel; Karen Preston; Jackie Rios-Avila; Deb Tagliento; Joan Mason; Julia Alter; Dinah Farrington.

Meeting called to order @ 6:35.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Reyner highlighted the continuing need for several officers, including Vice President, Treasure and Book Sale Chair. She also reported that Karen Pfindel has agreed to be the new Chief Sorter. Finally, a new Secretary has been identified; Ms. Eileen Riley has agreed to become the Friends Secretary following the resignation of Kate Hafner.

MOTION: Ms. Hafner made a motion to appoint Eileen Riley as Secretary to the Board. Seconded by Ms. Giugno. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 16, 2019 meeting were presented and reviewed.

MOTION: Ms. Pfindel made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 16, 2019 minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Hazelton. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A gross profit of \$11,572.27 was realized from the Spring Book Sale, excluding the bill for the movers. The bill for the movers has not been received. The contract was for 5 hours but completed the job in 4 hours with 2 men. The Friends account balance as of June 17, 2019 is \$44,068.38.

MOTION: Mr. Poost made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Mr. Cronin. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.

BOOK SALE CHAIR'S REPORT:

- Preparations began a full week before the sale.
- The Friday night sale was shortened to coincide with the Library closing.
- The bag sale hours were extended to 12 – 3.
- The bag sale price was increased to \$5.00.
- If a Library tote is purchased it can be used for the bag sale price.
- A "pop up" book sale will begin Wednesday June 16 at the Farmer's Market.

MEMBERSHIP:

- Currently there are 291 members which includes individuals & households.
- Current renewals are 221.
- Renewals from previous years are 26.
- New members 44.

DATABASE: Use of the Access program is unsatisfactory. Mr. Cronin has been working on a web-based portal but it has not come to fruition. Ms. Dugas Hughes & Ms. Bell offered to provide suggestions for either an existing commercial program or other potential database designers.

NEWSLETTER: No report. The next newsletter deadline is July 12th.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- The summer reading program begins Wednesday, June 26.
- Thursday, June 27 is the Youth Services Kickoff.
- A community goal of 10,000 books has been set.
- A change in the Meeting Room policy is in progress.
- Ms. Dugas Hughes presented two grant proposals for approval.

MOTION: Ms. Harris made a motion to approve a grant request for digital signage in the amount of \$2,750.00. Seconded by Ms. Murphy. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.

MOTION: Ms. Hafner made a motion to approve a grant for a passport photo program in the amount of \$1,350.00. Seconded by Ms. Farrington. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT:

- The proposed budget has been approved by the Board and will be presented to the public at a meeting on July 16.
- The final vote will be on the 1st Thursday in September.
- The budget increase is 1 ½ %.
- The tax increase is 2 ½ %.
- This budget includes the final payment on the building.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

- The search continues for new leadership of the Friends.
 - It would be a very good idea for the new Book Sale Chair(s) to work with Linda on the Fall Book Sales. It would actually work best if we had two chairs for 2020---one handling the Spring sale and one the Fall sales.
 - Dinah Farrington has volunteered to take over database entry from Karen Foster.

The next Friends meeting will be on Tuesday, September 17 @ 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Riley, Secretary