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November 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Liz Reyner – President	Mari Harris
Charlie Pensabene – Vice President	Betty Bellino
Eileen Riley – Secretary	Lynne Oudekerk
Brent & Ali Hill – Fundraising/Book Sale Co-Chairs	Linda Murphy
Jill Dugas Hughes - Library Director	Dinah Farrington
Michael Poost - Library Board President	Theresa Poitrus
Anne Burton	Scott Ebeling
Lois Hazelton	

MINUTES: Minutes from the October 20, 2020 meeting were reviewed.

MOTION: Ms. Burton made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 20, 2020 meeting as presented. 2nd Mr. Poost. None opposed. All in favor. The motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT (see also attached detail):

Income: \$9,586.92
Expenses: \$52,747.54
Balance: \$17,381.40
2020 tax filing completed

DATABASE:

Keela is our new database program that will store all the information that is needed by the Friends – membership, volunteers, programs, etc. Ms. Dugas-Hughes will train Ms. Reyner and Mr. Pensabene on the use of the program. Ms. Reyner thanked all who worked on the new database.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

- The Picture Book Story Walk has been installed on 6’ posts along the sidewalk.
- The construction grant check for \$89,738.00 will be used for interior painting and meeting room upgrades.
- A bingo program is planned for children.
- Planning is underway for what services will look like with rollback services. It is hoped the drive-thru and building will remain open with extended hours.
- The e-newsletter will be sent every week.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT:

Mr. Poost advised the Board in October that Schodack will pay less this year. The same has been reported by Nassau and Castleton. He advised Schodack in June that the same amount needs to be maintained but there has been no response from them. The Schodack Friends may be called on to advocate for are needed to step in.

FUNDRAISING/BOOK SALES:

Brent & Ali Hill are the new Co-Chairs for Fundraising/Book Sales. They will meet with Linda Murphy to transition.

There will be a book sale fundraiser the first Saturday in December. It will be a grab bag sale of books pre-sorted by genre, for a set price per bundle.

Other fundraising suggestions:

- Raffles
 - Baskets for different holidays – the first basket raffle was a great success.
 - A quilt
 - Lottery ticket basket
- Selling gift cards through a company in North Carolina (UnitedScrip).
- Changing the sort room to a store has been put on the backburner for a while.

NEW BUSINESS:

2021 Officer Elections:

- Charlie Pensabene - President
- Liz Reyner - Treasurer
- Eileen Riley - Secretary
- A Vice President and database chairperson are still needed.
- A suggestion was made to pay someone to manage the database and to talk with Mr. Bell who has offered to help.

MOTION: Ms. Harris made a motion to pass the platform of officers. 2nd Ms. Burton. None opposed. All in favor. The motion carried.

Bylaws:

The plans to update the by-laws will move forward in 2021.

MEMBER FORUM/MISCELLANOUS:

Once the database is set up the year-end appeal for donations will be mailed.

Every day 3-4 calls are received about accepting book donations. Can a time be established?

Meeting adjourned at 7:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Riley, Secretary