

FRIENDS OF THE BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes of meeting held May 5, 2022

Meeting called to order at 5:38PM.

Present: Norma St. John, Margaret Considine, Mark Considine, Mary Polaski, Hilary Veilleux, Estelle LaFleur, Carol Johnson-Haywood - guest.

April 7, 2022 FOBPL Minutes: Mary noted that a change to the minutes from April needs to be made “Mary is not willing to be the lead person” to “Mary declined to chair for personal reasons”. Norma motioned that this change be made and Margaret seconded. All in favor.

Norma motioned to accept the minutes as amended and Margaret seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer’s Report: Current balances: The checking account balance is \$7,515.73 and the CD balance is \$8,743.59 for a total of \$16,259.32. There wasn’t much activity during the past month. The taxes have been completed and the 501(c)(3) report has to be notarized and will be mailed out.

Mary motioned to accept the Treasurer’s Report and Margaret seconded. All in favor.

Old Business:

- Bookmarks – Estelle brought a batch of five different bookmarks and Hilary will cut them for distribution at the library.
- Facebook updates are working well – please share information with Chelsey that you want to have on the Facebook page.
- Competition for Dino’s new name – previous name suggestions have been shared on Facebook and others have shared suggestions. The Friends will offer a \$20 gift certificate to the new bookstore for the winning suggestion. It will keep it open for another week on Facebook and at the library, will close out on May 14th. Afterwards, we will create a list for Facebook, the website, and the library for voting, which will end at the end of May. The name will be tallied at June meeting. The name of the Dino and winner will be announced at first concert in June.
- Pollinator garden – Hilary shared an update: she learned that there is full sun where the Pollinator Garden will be located. Carol Bayes, a parent at elementary school who is working with the garden club, and Hilary met. Hilary requested a list of plants for the garden to be planted which will be done in phases. Audrey Crowe, a master gardener, has offered to be a resource for us to use for best plants/layout and is meeting with Hilary on Saturday morning.
- Peeps Diorama – the winner was Hazel Cuddihy with “Harry Peeper and the Sorcerer’s Stone”. Thanks are given to all who voted.
- StoryWalk® - clean up date, Saturday, May 21, 2022, 9:00 AM until noon
 - Plaques for podiums – cost info – will table until next meeting
 - Damage to podiums - #'s 9 and 10 were totally vandalized, Hilary and Ross collected them, and repairs are underway; the plexiglass concave issue is due to the moisture control product, this is remedied by loosening the screws holding the plexiglass in place
 - Wildlife camera – Ross researched two wildlife cameras at a cost of approximately \$169 for two cameras, Laura shared that the Select Board has some grant money and was told that she could add it to their list of items to purchase. Laura said that employees of the library are willing to change the SD cards as necessary.

New Business:

- Summer Kick-off Program, June – Blue Ocean
 - The Ladder: The Life Size Whale Program \$495.00 cost plus mileage of approximately \$125.00
 - Estelle motioned that the Friends pay for the program and Norma seconded. Discussion - Margaret noted that the website shared the following: contact us if you would like to discuss a rate adjustment given your unique circumstances. Margaret noted that we aren't taxpayer funded but by fundraisers and requested that we ask for a discount. All in favor.
- Summer Program Finale, August – ice cream – Norma motioned that the Friends supply the ice cream and Mary seconded it. All in favor.
- Summer Concerts will be held from June 26th through Sept. 4th . Norma will know next week which bands will be playing and will share that once she gets it. She will look at costs of the food and present that at the 6/2 meeting. Hilary and Ross will work on 6/26, Margaret and Mark can be used to plug in any holes.

Other Business: Paypal, online signups information from Chelsey for these things

The next Friends meeting is June 2, 2022 at 5:30PM. (Estelle will be out of town; a volunteer to take minutes is needed.)

Mary motioned to adjourn and Norma seconded. All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Submitted by Estelle LaFleur.