

Friends of the Ringwood Public Library Meeting Minutes: June 8, 2017

Next Meeting: July 27, 2017 at 7:00pm

Attendance

Lisa Petri, Heather Manley Caldwell, Eileen Manley, Amy Boyle Geisel, Carole Baligh, Susan Rakosi Rosenbloom, Janine Graham, Karen Marcus, Marge Gavan, Claire Axelrod, Gail Lubot, Wendy Sandford, Elise Bedder, Ryan LaCorte.

Lisa Petri welcomed the group and explained Lauren's leave of absence this summer. Karen Marcus moved to approve the Minutes from the May 11, 2017 meeting and Amy Boyle Geisel seconded the motion. Heather Manley Caldwell and Lisa Petri abstained. The motion carried.

Treasurer Report:

Carole reported that there is \$32,516.94 in the Friends account.

New Business:

Volunteers needed: Book Bingo, June 22, 11AM: Susan, Amy, Karen.

Volunteers needed: Battle of the Books, August 12, 1 PM. Heather Manley Caldwell moved to approve \$50 for trophies. Lisa Petri seconded and the motion passed.

Website Annual Fee: The Friends recommend that the Library Association pay the \$600 fee.

Movie License: Amy Boyle Geisel moved to approve an additional \$195 for a second license to provide improved movie selections. Marge Gavan seconded and the motion passed.

Science Tellers Program: Amy Boyle Geisel made a motion to spend \$365 for a 45 minute presentation for ages 3 and up. Karen Marcus seconded and the motion passed.

Membership: Need to increase membership; senior outreach with Ringwood Seniors, St. Catherine's Seniors. Committee: Karen, Marge, Gail, Carole, Claire, Janine will meet during the summer.

Robotics Program: Due to budget cuts, Ringwood schools will no longer have a Robotics Program (where children design, build and program a robot using critical thinking skills) and the library has been the suggested for the future of the program. The Borough might collaborate with the Friends for funding.

Bill Helphinstine, Ringwood resident, teacher of middle school STEM related classes in Rutherford, would like to bring his program to the library. Possible classes would be: Java, 3D Printing, Game Design, Exploratory STEM. Bill used a power point presentation with videos of children interacting with robots that they had built. The ages range from 8-17. Bill proposed:

Summer 9-12pm, 7/24-7/28 Basic Robotics 8-14 years old, 10 kids \$285 per kid plus \$330 per kit per kid

Fall Hybrid Class concurrent basic and competitive robotics 5-7 pm Wed. 9/11-11/13 8-14+ years old, max. 15 kids \$400 per kid plus kit VEX IQ Robotics kit = \$330 plus \$10 for wheels + intakes and cogs

Prefers 1 kit per student; kits cost \$330 each.

$\$330 \times 12 = \3960 for kits $\$285 \times 12 = \3420 for fee for intro class

Bill would need one room in the basement for meetings, WiFi connectivity, elevator access, real time web camera, insurance. The Friends agreed to meet on July 27 to discuss this issue. Elise mentioned having 1-3 preliminary presentations to see interest level.

Book Sale: Heather Nemeth will take on the closing of the Book Sale; getting books packed and sent to World Visions. Eileen Manley asked for significant help in the fall.

Old Business

Upgrade AV System: Tabled

Children's Room Upgrade and Mobiles: Tabled

Bricks: Susan Rakosi Rosenbloom moved to accept the amended Brick Donor letter and Amy Boyle Geisel seconded. The motion carried. Amy Boyle Geisel made a motion to accept Arclight Images proposal Estimate #707 to photograph the bricks in the walkway, for \$315, with cap of \$500 if needed. Janine Graham seconded and the motion passed. Susan Rakosi Rosenbloom abstained and Eileen Manley voted no. Eileen Manley will work with Amy Boyle Geisel on the press release concerning the bricks. Brick Committees:

Brick mailing volunteers: Marge Gavan, Gail Lubot, Carole Baligh, Janine Graham, Lisa Petri.

Brick pick up day volunteers: Heather Caldwell, Amy Boyle Geisel, Claire Axelrod, Gail Lubot, Carole Baligh, Elise Bedder

The meeting adjourned at 9:23.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Marcus

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