

## Friends of the Ringwood Public Library Meeting Minutes, January 12, 2017

**Next Meeting:** February 9, 2017

**Attendance:** Kathryn Grant, Jessica Einreinhof, Marge Gavan, Carole Baligh, Gail Lubot, Susan Rakosi Rosenbloom, Claire Axelrod, Lisa Petri, Karen Marcus, Eileen Manley, Amy Boyle Geisel, Heather Caldwell, Ann Diamond.

**Minutes:** Amy Boyle Geisel moved to approve the November 3, 2016 minutes. Karen Marcus seconded the motion. Jessica, Susan, Eileen Manley, Ann Diamond abstained. Motion passed with one correction: \$23.99 was spent on Flash Drives

**Treasurer:** Carole Baligh reporting. End of year: \$35,986.46. New members: 78 (\$390).

**Library Association** – Amy Boyle Geisel reported that 101 people attended the annual meeting on December 12, 2016, held at Ryerson School. All trustees have been reelected. The Board will hold its reorganization meeting on January 23. The past year has noted changes in directorship, staff, website, and interiors. Eileen Manley recommended that Friends members look at the policies and procedures in the green handbook.

**Publicity:** Eileen Manley will write a blurb for the direct mail drive about the Friends. Karen will write a short piece about the Friends in the weekly eblast instead of publishing a Friends Newsletter, pending Elise Bedder's approval.

**Berta's Fundraiser** – March 31, 2017; \$60 per person (\$36/head for Berta's); reviewed flyer and tickets: remain the same, tickets should be numbered 1-50. Jess and Susan will work up a poster for the Circ desk with specifics on food/drink; tri fold flyer to address questions about food/drink. Kathryn Grant will contact the Garden Club for flower centerpieces for raffle at end of night; Eileen Manley, Karen and Amy will donate items for one large wine basket to use as door prize; Fabiola will be given honorarium to play piano; Lauren will give a welcome speech. Amy Boyle Geisel will send all advertising to schools, media first two weeks in March; Marge Gavan will contact seniors; Karen Marcus will write a press release to get to Amy.

**Pizza1 Dine to Donate 1/24/17 5-10pm** - members took flyers to advertise. Marge will spread the word to Seniors group. Elise Bedder will be asked to advertise on website, on calendar and via newsletter as time draws near. Amy will get flyer out to Borough, Schools, Day Care, elect.sign, local TV.

**Valentine's Day Staff Luncheon:** Susan and Kathryn G. will handle 'Love your Library' week of Valentine's Day fundraiser - buy a \$1 to \$5 heart and write nice things on it about RPL or Staff. We will not advertise or use these monies for staff luncheon. Friends will supply coffee pods, baked goods, candy for staff the week of 'Library Appreciation Week' in April. That event was tabled to Jan.

**Music Committee:** Karen Marcus, Jess E. took contact information for Brian Salvatore, Kevin Hurdman and will organize a music committee with input from Elise Bedder.

**Kristine Gubbins - wish list.** We looked over Krayola Kiosk information left in Friends box. Decision was made to incorporate all furniture, perm.features for Children's Area to Interior Committee to coordinate new lay out. Krayola Kiosk information will go to Interiors Committee. Members would like to invite Kristine to come to next meeting Feb.9 at 7pm to give us her input on what she wants, how she'll use it, how much Ozobot, Little 3D Doodlers, Essential Pen Set items will each cost and where she'll put/use them. Either her attendance or more information needed.

**2017 Book Sale Dates** were discussed but tabled. Should we stick with Columbus Day weekend or do it earlier than Town Wide Garage sale? Yom Kippur is Sept.30, 2017. Amy will look at School calendar once it's posted online.

**Website Committee:** Heather Manley Caldwell gave update on meeting/work. Amy queried whether we need a Pay Pal Committee to research new account for new website.

**Interiors Committee** - Amy asked group if Friends would consider paying for some of the new renovations, furniture, lifting up the round book shelves in front? New chairs for Children's area? This was tabled due to late hour and request for more information.

**St.Patrick's Pre Parade Event - 3/25/17 Parade date**, Amy asked members to start thinking about games, events, food, drink for this event. Discussion tabled due to late hour.

**Direct mail fundraising flyer/letter:** Eileen Manley will work up paragraph or two - she will work with Elise Bedder on format/language. Eileen will ask for update from Elise/Oretta on membership renewals received by RPL from direct email campaign. Carole Baligh was given 2-3 renewals and fees this evening - she will deliver to Oretta.

**New Business:**

**Murals:** possibility of new murals in basement staircase, children's area by Helen Hill - would we consider paying for supplies? Possibility/need for new RPL Logo. Discussion tabled due to late hour.

**Bulletin Board Committee:** Amy feels we need a committee to take care of the Bulletin Board. Jess E. believes that the next few months are covered; Feb.= Val.Day fundraiser, March = Berta's fundraiser and St.Pats event, April = ? Tabled due to late hour.

Officers are: Lauren, Pres. (back up from Amy)

Lisa Petri VP

Kathryn Grant Secretary (with back up from Karen Marcus)

Carole Baligh Treas.

Eileen Manley, Membership Coordinator

Susan, Heather M., Anne S., Ed(?) + Staff members and Director are on website committee

Karen, Heather N., + Staff members and Director are on Interiors committee

Karen, Jess E. and Director are on music committee

Karen, Amy, Anne S., Lauren are on Berta's Fundraiser committee

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Marcus, Acting Secretary  
January 12, 2017