

Friends of the Ringwood Public Library Meeting Minutes: October 6, 2016

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 7:30pm

Attendance

Gail Lubot, Marge Gavan, Claire Axelrod, Carole Baligh, Heather Nemeth, Amy Boyle Geisel, Lisa Straubinger, Jessica Einreinhof, Lisa Petri, Heather Caldwell, Lauren Tuttle, Purnima Desai, Karen Marcus and Kathryn Grant

Karen Marcus put forth the motion to approve the Minutes from the September 2016 meeting. Heather Caldwell seconds the motion. Heather Nemeth, Claire Axelrod and Purnima Desai abstain. All others in attendance approve the minutes.

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-Fliers are out, signs up, publicity taken care of.

-Coffee station discussed. Water, coffee, juice boxes and snacks will be available at table in entranceway.

-Amy Boyle Geisel has taken care of setting up music to be performed by Fabiola on Thursday night. Two teens are on the schedule to perform upstairs on the piano Saturday afternoon.

-Activities and story time are being planned for children on Saturday.

-This will be Heather Nemeth and Arlene Thorn's last year running the book sale.

Flash Drive Sale

-Director Elise Bedder has asked the Friends if they would like to be in charge of the flash drive sales provided at the circulation desk as a fundraiser. Amy suggests the Friends provide \$45 to purchase flash drives from Amazon. Karen Marcus makes the motion, Heather Nemeth seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous to purchase the flash drives for sale.

-Children's Coordinator Kristine Gubbins has requested the purchase of a children's area rug for \$269. Amy Boyle Geisel makes a motion to purchase the rug. Lisa Petri seconds the motion. The vote is passed unanimously.

Business Discussed

-Gail Lubot asked if the fundraising money earned over the past year is still going to purchase A/V equipment for the library. Karen Marcus and Amy Boyle Geisel, both Board members, said the purchase has been tabled for now since the staff does not see a need for such a large purchase and new quotes will be looked into for equipment that may better serve the library.

Heather Caldwell told us that Robert Erskine PTO just purchased a mobile A/V unit that cost much less than what we had been looking at. She will provide vendor information to see if this could be an option for the library.

-Karen Marcus brought up the Friends becoming a separate entity rather than a sub-committee of the Ringwood Library Association. This would entail setting up a 501(c)3. More discussion on this subject will take place in the new calendar year.

-The Friends participated in the Harvest Fest at Skylands Manor. A table was set-up to provide crafts for the children, information was provided on the Friends and library activities and a small book sale was offered. Money raised at this event was \$35.35.

-Berta's Fundraising Event is moving forward. The event will take place on Friday, March 31, 2017. Tickets will sell for \$60 with the goal of having 40 people in attendance.

- An email account has been requested from the library for communication purposes of the President of the Friends.

-Karen Marcus has researched musical entertainers to perform at the library. She found Encore Performing Arts who will provide 2 shows, one for children and one for adults on Thursday, April 20th for \$675. She moved a motion for the Friends pay for the performers. Amy Boyle Geisel seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. It will now be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Grant

October 7, 2016