

Friends Meeting Minutes:**April 18, 2019 7:30PM.**

Attendance: Lisa Petri, Eileen Manley, Amy Boyle Geisel, Karen Marcus.

Approval of Minutes: Lisa Petri made a motion to accept the minutes from March 13, 2019. Amy Geisel seconded. The motion passed with Eileen Manley abstaining.

Treasurer's Report:

Carole filed a report as of April 1. There is \$19, 827.50 in the account.

Board Business: Karen Marcus reported that the Hiring Committee continues to narrow down the potential candidates. Amy Geisel reported that Library Interiors will supply furniture for the Children's Room without changing the layout of the room. \$19, 800 has been authorized for the new furniture. The old furniture will be donated through Facebook. After an extensive walkthrough, it has been determined that the building needs to install a new HVAC system, which will cost approximately \$300,000. The Board has put aside \$150,000 in emergency reserve and the NJ Library Construction Grant will hopefully provide the remainder of the funds.

Old Business: St. Patrick's Day Family Fun Event, held on March 23 was a great success and it raised \$244.

Maker's Day: March 22/23: robotics and activities for 3-7 graders and adults brought 700 people to the library. Scott Heck, Borough Manager, mentioned the success of this event at the April Town Council Meeting.

National Library Month was celebrated with a staff breakfast spread provided by the Friends with the help of Lisa Petri.

New Business:

Author Visit: Children's author, Courtney Carbone, will speak at the library at 10:30 on Saturday, May 11. Her book series, Dealing With Feelings, will be featured for young readers. Amy Geisel will contact the author and her agent to confirm the date. Cash box, book signage and the venue were discussed. Darrell will be provided with a chart for set up.

Karen Marcus made a motion to authorize payment of \$144.99 for a new dollhouse for the Children's Area. Amy Geisel seconded and the motion passed.

Mission Statement clarification: Discrepancies in the Friends' Mission Statement have been noted and Eileen Manley made a motion to accept these changes. Lisa Petri seconded and the motion passed to amend the wording of these policies:

1. Under II Activities, Section 3: "We may provide funding..." approved April 2015, April 2019.
2. Under III Internal Structure, Section 4: "...Shall be elected at the June meeting..." August 2015, April 2019
3. Under V Protocols and Procedures, Section 5b: "All expenditures greater than \$200 must be approved..." August 2018, April 2019

“Expenditures up to \$200...may be approved solely by Friends...”, August 2015, April 2019.

4. Under V Protocols and Procedures, Section 7a: “...by Board of Trustees with the recommendation ...”April 2015, April 2019.
5. Under V Protocols and Procedures, Section 7c:”...will be transferred... quarterly...”April 2015, April 2019.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Marcus
April 19, 2019