

3/12/18 Ringwood Public Library Friends Meeting

Next Meeting: 4/12/18

Called to order 7:35 pm

Attendees: Jessica Einreinhof, Lisa Petri, Carole Baligh, Marge Gavan, Claire Axelrod, Anne Siebecker, Heather Caldwell, Amy Boyle Geisel, Karen Marcus

Approval of February minutes:

Jessica moved to approve the February minutes and Carole seconded the motion. The motion passed with four abstentions.

Treasurers Report:

Carole Baligh: As of 1/31/18 there is \$32104.39 in the account. New funds include \$123 from Teddy Bear Sleepover. Additional monies were provided to Carole at meeting; \$336 for Club Sippycup and \$75 for Maggie's Dine to Donate. There are 24 paid members and 4 new members.

Old Business:

Heather Caldwell made a motion to accept the proposal of VCA Global to install a new AV system in the community room. Anne Siebecker seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Karen Marcus will contact Kathi Sica of VCA to discuss updating the quote. Anne Siebecker recommended that we look carefully at the operating agreement. Anne Siebecker asked how we would get rid of the old equipment.

Jessica will meet with Ryan LaCorte to discuss the Recreation Department taking on the Robotics program and phasing out the Friends' involvement. There is a question as to what to do with the kits the Friends bought; offer to Laura? Offer to sell them back to Bill H. at discount?

Club Sippycup was well attended and an article appeared in the Suburban Trends. Attendees asked for another event and/or another Teddy Bear Sleepover in the fall.

New Business:

Heather Caldwell mentioned the budget cuts facing the Borough and the Library. She suggested that we be judicious in our spending. She stated the Friends primary purpose was to Fundraise for the library and as a group should not be proposing programs. She asked that we devise a plan for reviewing program proposals, grants, from the library staff, to help the library continue their programs.

Fundraisers:

- St. Patrick's Day Pre-Parade, 3/24, 10-2PM. The Friends need baked goods and face-painters.
- Escape The Library, 4/14/18. Geared for children to adults. 6-8 people per mystery with 3 mysteries at \$15 per person. There will be 4 sessions: 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, and 8:30 for 45 minutes each.
Heather Caldwell, Amy Boyle Geisel and Jessica Einreinhof have been planning and organizing for this new event.
The plan:
3:00- setup downstairs where participants register and get situated. Includes food and drink donations.
4:00- library closes and we set-up clues upstairs.
5:30- first group starts with 3 mysteries/sections: easy mystery in children's section with story about a book monster destroying books, middle section of library near circ desk will be mid-level difficulty with a story of a librarian requesting overdue books to be returned, reference section will be mid-level difficulty with a story of a rare book that is lost.
- High SocieTea tabled until next spring
- Fall Fundraiser at Berta's: November 16, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Marcus, Acting Secretary (in place of Eileen Manley)