

Minutes of the Friends of the Ringwood Public Library Meeting of Jan.11, 2018

Called to order at 7:36pm

Attendees: Jessica Einreinhof, Lisa Petri, Amy Boyle Geisel, Carole Baligh, Claire Axelrod, Gail Lubot, Marge Gavan, Anne Siebecker. **Guest presenter:** Bill Helphingstine ("Bill H".) Abbreviations of names used throughout.

Approval of Minutes of Dec.7, 2017: Amy Boyle Geisel moved to approve as amended; Jessica Einreinhof seconded. Amy, Jessica, Anne voted yes, Lisa, Claire Carole, Gail, Marge abstained. Minutes as amended approved.

Treasurer's Report: Carole Baligh reported \$32,323.71 in account as of end of Oct., 2017, second payment to Bill H of \$400 made, payment of \$763.05 was questioned, Carole will follow up with Maxine. As of end of Nov., 2017 there was balance of \$32,843.66 in account.

Old Business: Jessica E. gave an overview of the Arduino programming in progress. First 8 week 'Basic Arduino' session that was filled with wait list was finished 1/10/18 to great success. Second 8 week 'Basic Arduino' session, likewise filled with 6 person wait list will start 1/17/18. Second session will take place at Hewitt School as Library had no room avail. First session families wanted to buy the kits but there was no time to buy new kits for second session as originally planned. Discussion ensued.

New Business: Bill H. came in to meeting at 7:55pm to address the group. Bill H. gave power point presentation on price points of similar programs being offered in area. Bill H. discussed wear and tear and use of kits. Discussion ensued over keeping current kits and Bill H. taking parts out and creating 1 master kit for each session rather than letting kids each use 1 kit. Bill H. gave recommendations on future offerings and his fee, suggestions on whether to charge families or not. Discussion on Rec.Dept.scholarship to pay for any student who cannot afford fee. Discussion ensued. Members thanked Bill H. for his time, dedication to the Library and residents of Ringwood. **Bill H. left the meeting at 8:40pm.**

Amy BG made motion to approve \$1400 fee to Bill H. for him to provide a third, second level 'Python and Minecraft' 8 week, 12 hour program; 1 ½ hour for 1 evening a week at same terms of agreement in place between Friends and Bill H. Program will be offered Wed.evenings 6-7:30pm, place and dates to be determined with Library Director. Jessica E. seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Amy BG moved to authorize the Rec.Dept.of the Borough of Ringwood to handle registration for 'Python and Minecraft' offering and to set a \$60 per participant fee to offset costs of Friends with understanding that Rec Dept. would utilize their scholarship program if/when appropriate. Jessica E.seconded. Claire and Lisa voted no, Amy BG., Jessica, Carole, Gail, Marge and Anne voted yes and the motion carried. Claire and Lisa stated their opinion that \$60 is too high a fee.

AmyBG moved to approve \$1400 fee to Bill H. for him to provide a fourth, second level 'Autonomous Robotics' , 1 week, 12 hour program; 3 hours a day over the Summer, 2018. Place, dates/times to be

determined between Jessica, Bill H. and Library Director. Lisa P. seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Jessica E. moved to authorize the Rec.Dept.of the Borough of Ringwood to handle registration for "Autonomous Robotics" and to set a \$60 per participant fee to offset costs of Friends with understanding that Rec Dept. would utilize their scholarship program if/when appropriate. Lisa P. seconded. Discussion ensued about this program being a type of summer camp and cost of child care. Claire voted no as she believed there should be no fee. All others voted yes and the motion carried.

AmyBG will report these votes to the Board of Trustees at 1/22/18 Meeting.

Fundraisers (Jessica brought flyers for every event):

Dine to Donate @ Maggie's 1/31/18 Noon – 9pm. Anne S.noted that there should be language on flyer that only food is part of Dto D. Jessica will make changes. Members were encouraged to take flyers and post around town. AmyBG asked again if anyone had a contact with Seniors group; she does not have an email address, name, phone no. for leader of that group.

Teddy Bear Sleepover 1/26/18 4pm, Sat.1/27 @10:30am - Jessica E. is Chairperson of this fundraiser. Karen Marcus will do story hour and play ukulele on 1/27. Jessica hopes to ask for donations from Stop and Shop. Amy BG will assist. Amy BG has sent out flyer to Schools, Day Cares, Sub.Trends; event is now on Boro elect.sign.

Club Sippy Cup 2/24/18 11am-12:30pm – Jessica E.is Chairperson of this fundraiser. Jessica asks for bakers; Amy BG will bring muffins. We need more baked goods and drinks, juice boxes, water. AmyBG asked if volunteer Girl Scouts would be helpful. Discussion ensued. AmyBG will handle publicity.

Dine to Donate@ Pizza1 3/13/18 5-10pm - Flyers were disseminated.

St. Patrick's Pre-Parade Family Fun Day 3/24/18 10am-noon - Amy BG will chair this event. We need face painter, tattoo artists, balloon people, an idea and supplies for a craft, baked goods, juice boxes, water bottles and volunteers. Jessica booked room for day before and day of. We need help decorating/set up on 3/23 afternoon. AmyBG will ask Girl Scout s and Boy Scouts of Ringwood to assist.

'Escape the Library" mystery room fundraiser – Jessica will chair this event. Discussion ensued. AmyBG offered her son and friend to assist in creation of clues and lay out. Jessica outlined 3 different rooms upstairs in RPL, after hours, 45 mins.each, \$15 pp and goal of \$1000. Event will be in April. Jessica will coordinate dates/times with Library Director. Meeting date for this committee will be set in near future. Contact Jessica if interested.

Next Meeting: Feb.8, 2018 7:30pm. Meeting Adjourned at 9:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Boyle Geisel. , Acting Secretary (in place of Eileen Manley) 1/12/18