

Friends of the Ringwood Public Library Meeting Minutes October 26, 2017

Next Meeting: November 9, 2017 7:30pm

Attendance: Amy Boyle Geisel, Lisa Petri, Jessica Einreinhof, Marge Garvan, Anne Siebecker Gail Lubot, Janine Graham. Meeting was called to order by Lisa Petri at 7:40pm

Minutes:

Review of Sept.Minutes was tabled to Nov.meeting.

Announcements:

Board of Trustees Update: Amy Boyle Geisel and Anne Siebecker gave update. ABG and AS shared 3 different architectural plans under consideration for renovations to upstairs main room of RPL. ABG shared multiple page quote from AV Global for new AV system. Discussion ensued on how best to address needs of patrons with av system in basement, new furniture and lay out upstairs. Suggestion was made to use a survey on use of RPL by use of iPads or paper forms at Circ desk. Discussion ensued regarding patron and Friends input on plans, goals and av system. ABG responded that she had asked for additional information and clarification from AV Global about specific items in quote.

Treasurer Report: (Amy Boyle Geisel reporting for Carole Baligh, Treas.)

10/23/17 Financial Ledger shows YTD deposits of \$14,476.54, expenses of \$12,205.10 with year to date net of \$2,271.44 for a current bank balance of \$38,257.90. Ledger shows book sale expenses and proceeds deposited and Arduino program expenses calculated.

Old Business:

Book Sale: Lisa Petri gave overview on written report received from Committee Co-Chairs Eileen Manley and Karen Marcus. Book Sale was a success, over 4000 books donated, sorted and majority resold. More volunteers are needed. Concern is over increased use of devices rather than book readers. Book Sale gross was \$3,180.50, sales were \$3096.50, donations were \$84, 2 tote bags were sold for \$20, and expenses were \$255 for net proceeds of \$2925.50. Discussion ensued on ideas for next year's Book Sale. The group thanked Eileen Manley, Karen Marcus, and Lisa Petri for all their hard work.

Harvest Fest: The group thanked Jessica Einreinhof for representing the FOL at the Harvest Fest at NJBG the day after the Book Sale and selling \$110 of books. Discussion ensued about selling more kids books, bubbles, food, coffee, and drinks at Harvest Fest next year as a fundraiser.

Girl Scout Overnight: Amy Boyle Geisel reported that Amy Jolin, Ringwood GS Service Manager sent written thanks to Lib.Assoc.and Friends for hosting first Daisy and Brownie Sleepover at RPL on 10/20. The event drew 42 girls with parents and Troop Leaders who all slept among the stacks. The staff was commended for handling 2 crafts, a tour of the Library and a Dewey decimal scavenger hunt for the group. ABG's Cadette GS Troop 4866, husband and son ran night hike event up to playground with votives lining path, in playground and stations of telescope viewing, NSEW orientation (tape on fences), star gazing charts and take away tote bags with gifts. Hope is that it becomes an annual sleepover event for Girl and Boy Scouts in Ringwood. Amy Jolin and Ringwood GS Service Unit will donate \$200 from proceeds to Friends

in thanks for their help in organizing/running event. Lisa Petri was instrumental in getting this event up and running and gave her overview as her daughters' troop slept over. Discussion ensued about future similar events.

Robotics/Arduino: Registration was full by end of first day of offering, 10 on waiting list. Program will start next week. Robot kits are in and paid for. Bill H. has not yet returned his signature page from Agreement or picked up check for 1st installment of his fee. ABG and Jessica discussed how many parents were saddened that their child could not participate. Discussion ensued about hopes for future offerings for different kids vs. Bill's initial intent to take this first group through 2 cycles of classes and onto Robotics competitions.

New Business:

Elections: Discussion ensued about candidates. Eileen Manley, Secretary, Carole Baligh, Treasurer, Lisa Petri, Vice President and Jessica Einreinhof, President. Marge Garvan moved to approve the slate in full. Gail Lubot seconded and the vote was unanimous as to new Officers of Friends for 2 year term. Thank you all for serving.

Dine to Donate: ABG reported that she had secured 11/14/17 6-8pm as a Dine to Donate event with John Brady at Brady's Prime 15 in town. They will give FOL 10% for all food purchased. Janine graciously agreed to create flyers. ABG will disseminate. Pass it on!

Discussion ensued about potential for DtoD at Subway, Arta's, and Liquor store. Discussion ensued about need for big fundraiser in spring, 2018 – Berta's revisited? Wine tasting, another Tea event, and bus trip to NYC. Discussion was tabled to next meeting for members to research options.

Shakespeare event: Hudson Valley Shakesp.Festival offers 'on the road' programs. ABG and Lisa Petri are researching \$2000 90 min. production of Hamlet at RPL available 3/19-5/4/18 (grades 6 to adult); Students workshops in Shakespeare in exploration of stories, characters and language at \$375-635 per day. Fall 2018 programs offered for younger children.

Topic was tabled to next meeting due to late hour.

Annual Meeting 12/11/17 Library Assoc.of Ringwood Inc.: Karen Marcus will contact FOL members to ask for assistance in being vote takers at annual meeting. Discussion ensued about need for sign to tell people to stay for full meeting in case nominations for Trustees are made from floor. ABG read names of Trustees who seek re-election. Discussion led by Gail and Marge about events and voting procedures from last year's meeting. Recommendation was made that membership procedures be simplified and done in Jan.of each year to avoid ongoing confusion of renewal of memberships in Assoc.and FOL. ABG will pass this recommendation on to Board of Trustees.

Lisa Petri moved to end the meeting at 8:45pm. Amy Boyle Geisel seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Boyle Geisel, Acting Secretary
(On behalf of Eileen Manley)
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