

Minutes of Friends' of Ringwood Public Library Nov. 9, 2017 – approved 12/7/2017

Attendees: Eileen Manley, Jessica Einreinhof, Marge Gavan, Gail Lubot, Claire Axelrod, Karen Marcus, Carole Baligh, Lisa Petri and Anne Siebecker

The meeting was called to order at 7:35.

Minutes Approval: Minutes of Sept. 2017: Lisa Petri moved to approve these minutes with the correction of Marge Gavan's name. Jessica Einreinhof seconded. Passed with 7 approvals and 2 abstentions.

Minutes of Oct. 2017: Anne Siebecker moved to approve these minutes with the correction of Marge Gavan's name. Lisa Petri seconded. Passed with 6 approvals and 3 abstentions.

Announcements:

Treasurer's Report: There is a slight difference between our records and the bank statement at the end of October 2017, which shows that our account has \$34,323.73. Carole Baligh will investigate.

New Friends Leadership: Jessica introduced the new officers of the Friends: herself as president, Lisa Petri as Vice-president, Eileen Manley as secretary and Carole Baligh as treasurer.

Old Business:

Dine to Donate will happen on Nov. 14, 2017 at Brady's on the Reservoir from 6-8pm. Remember to bring a flyer or mention your organization to your waiter. Anne Siebecker will contact Maggie's about doing the same in January; Maggie's has indicated that they will donate 15% to the Friends.

Robotics/Arduino: The program is now underway and has been well received. Jessica will contact the instructor about courses in the future. Lisa Petri suggested having another Level 1 course in the winter, followed by a level 2 course in the spring of next year.

Book Sale: Eileen Manley read a letter received from the Center for Food Action, thanking us for our donation of a box of books.

Membership Update: Eileen Manley reported that the Library's mailing in September caused numerous people to renew their outstanding Friends' memberships and several more to join the ranks for the first time. Our membership now stands at 57. The Board will be designing a form letter to send annually, hopefully in January, for renewals of the Association and Friends. Jessica Einreinhof hopes that letter will include notice of all the new and successful programs that have been established. Anne Siebecker brought up the idea of increasing the dues, perhaps to \$10 each for the Association and Friends, since this has not been done in over 40 years. We could also include boxes with suggested amounts for additional donations. This suggestion will be further discussed next year.

AV Project: While Amy Boyle Geisel has a quote from the Borough's recommended IT contractor, we feel that we need at least 2 more quotes. These should be based on the staff's recommendations, and not necessarily the full bucket wish list. This will be forwarded by Karen Marcus to Amy and the Board.

New Business:

Future Fundraisers: Jessica pointed out that we will need more good fundraisers going forward in view of the AV project expense and the cost of the Robotics program.

Berta's: Karen Marcus will contact Berta's for another wine tasting, perhaps next November.

Tea: It was decided not to have a tea at the Library this coming year. However, Jessica will investigate having one at a professional Tea Room, perhaps in May around Mother's Day.

House Tour: Marge Gavan brought up the idea of a House Tour. Although the idea was not dropped altogether, there was hesitation in view of the current security climate. It can be discussed again in the future.

Teddy Sleepover: Jessica will contact Heather Caldwell about running another sleepover for stuffed animals.

Escape Library: Jessica Einreinhof will design an "escape room" event to be based in the library, after hours. We could accommodate 3 groups of 10 for a 45 minute game time, and do this twice in the course of the evening. Proposed pricing would be \$10 per person. This was met with enthusiasm.

Club Sippycup: Jessica Einreinhof will organize this popular event. Ticket pricing might be \$5/child or perhaps \$12 for 3.

Calendars: Another idea proposed was selling calendars with pictures from Ringwood photographers and/or artwork drawn by children. This was received enthusiastically but with the provision that it would require a lot of dedicated work.

Other ideas included a Fun Run, Color Run, 5K Run, Board Game Tournament, Scrabble Tournament or a Bike-a-thon.

Future events:

Shakespeare Theatre: Karen Marcus suggested that \$800 for a 90 minute children's workshop was doable, but \$2000 for a full production of Hamlet was not. While there seemed to be some agreement, no vote was taken and the matter was tabled for the future.

Goals Committee: Karen Marcus asked if anyone was interested in serving on a Goals Committee with a few Board Members. Jessica Einreinhof volunteered.

The film: Chlorine Screening: This is a film, strictly for adults, that was shot in Ringwood. Due to its depressing nature, there was a lack of interest in showing this film at the Library.

Winter Break Programs: In view of how well the children's department is doing with new and original programming, we felt we did not have to suggest any further programming for that time frame.

Lisa Petri will send out an e-mail to Friends to remind them of the Association meeting on Dec.11.

Next Friends' meeting will be January 11 at 7:30pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Manley, secretary