

Minutes Friends' Meeting of October 9, 2019

Called to order by co-president Lisa Petri at 7:32pm.

Attending: Amy Boyle Geisel, Dan Parker, Marge Gavan, Robin Letz, Gail Lubot, Eileen Manley, Lisa Petri;
guest: Lori Pasquino

President's Remarks: Lisa Petri welcomed all.

Director Dan Parker's Remarks: Thanked us once again for his reception, which he thoroughly enjoyed. Notified us that the winner of the \$25 certificate, good at the Book Sale, was Ryan Bolton. The answer to the Banned Book puzzle was "1984".

Approval of Minutes of Sept. 9, 2019: Eileen Manley made a motion to accept; Gail Lubot seconded; Motion passed, with 3 abstentions.

Treasurer's Report: Eileen Manley reported, for Carole Baligh, that the Friends' account stands at \$20,059.56, as of October 8, 2019.

Board Business: Amy Boyle Geisel reported that the Board approval the Friends' motion to spend up to \$1000 to complete the purchase of an AED.

The Board is proposing a change to the By-Laws that in order for a person to be eligible to vote at the Association's Annual Meeting in December that they can either 1) pay the fee by October 1 of that year or 2) show proof of a certain number of volunteer hours for that year. This proposal will be published as required ahead of time and will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

The Library is also in need of a new roof, in addition to a new heating/ac system. The Board is working with the Borough for financing. Grants will be applied for that may cover 40%-50% of these projects, with the Borough and the Association supplying the balance.

Old Business:

- 1) AED – Amy Boyle Geisel reported that the unit has arrived; Dan is arranging for training for those staff that request it.
- 2) Membership – Eileen Manley reported that our numbers have grown, mainly through Board members joining up before the October 1 deadline.
- 3) Book Sale – Eileen Manley reviewed the working hours for next week and encouraged all to sign up for a shift. She also asked all to bring pens, Sharpies, extra paper, scissors, box cutters and sticky tack. Amy Boyle Geisel has already supplied us with packaging tape. Eileen will handle the cash box. She also thanked all the staff, Lisa and Amy for all the advertising, both physical and by via social media, that was done.

The pricing was reviewed with discussion about a discount for teachers. In order to make change easier, the discount to teachers will be “if you buy four books, you get one free.” Teachers from any location can qualify. Also, seniors from out of town can shop with our seniors (senior age is 62). During the grab bag, if anyone buys a Friends’ book bag, they can fill it for free.

- 4) Berta’s – In place of Karen Marcus, Eileen Manley quickly reviewed the ticket form, announcing that the tickets will be sold during Book Sale, and after that from Karen Marcus or at the circ desk only. Eileen Manley will ask Karen how she wants to handle seating. A motion was made by Amy Boyle Giesel and seconded by Lisa Petri to pay the piano player, Jackie Legg, \$100, plus a dinner, and the piano tuner \$125. Motion passed. Amy will try to contact the Garden Club about doing centerpieces for the evening for free; in case they are unwilling, Lisa Petri will contact Christie Paulos, who is in that business, for a quote. Eileen Manley will ask Karen Marcus for other ideas. If the flowers are not available to use as door prizes, two ideas were brought forth: 1) a 2020 membership to the Association and Friends and 2) a book plate sticker (value \$25).
- 5) Calendar – Lisa Petri talked about having a 2020 calendar, using art work from children, which we would sell. Discussion followed as to how hard a sell this item would be. In the meantime, Lisa is following through with pricing.

New Business:

- 1) Dan Parker brought up the subject of a staff Holiday party; feeling that it would not be appropriate to use tax payer’s dollars for this, he asked the Friends to cover the cost. Last year, the cost was approximately \$500. Amy Boyle Geisel made a motion for the Friends to authorize an expenditure of up to \$600 for a Holiday Party for the staff and a few volunteers, the where and when to be at the Director’s discretion. Marge Gavan seconded; motion passed.
- 2) Dan Parker noted that the Frick Museum passes, which the Friends pay for annually, is up for renewal. The cost is \$350 for four (4) passes that the public can borrow for free for a tour of the museum. Amy Boyle Geisel moved that the Friends pay this annual fee; Lisa Petri seconded; motion carried.
- 3) December 9, 2019 is the Annual Meeting, at the Library, at 7:30 pm. Two Board members, Ed Thomas and Amanda Beth McCormick Gillman, are up for re-election.

Adjournment: Next Friends’ meeting will be Nov. 13, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Manley, co-president and acting secretary