

**Friends Meeting Minutes:
October 18, 7:30PM.**

Attendance: Lisa Petri, Eileen Manley, Carole Baligh, Amy Boyle Geisel, Marge Gavan, Karen Marcus.

President's Remarks: Eileen Manley welcomed the group and thanked them for their work on the Book Sale. Eileen announced the change in meeting days to Wednesday evening starting November 14. She announced the Annual Association Meeting on December 10. Eileen mentioned the two new hires, Heather Manley Caldwell and Susan Ferioli. The Strategic Planning Town Hall will be held on Friday, October 19 from 6:30-8. All are invited.

Approval of Minutes: Lisa Petri made a motion to accept the minutes from September, 2018. Karen Marcus seconded. The motion passed. Eileen discussed the need to review the June minutes and pass them at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

The Friends reports an annual net income of \$16, 557.99, before the Book Sale proceeds.

Old Business: Amy BG made a motion to raise the price per kit of the Arduino robotics kits to \$30. Karen Marcus seconded and the motion passed. Amy BG will communicate Bill H., who will pick up the kits.

The Book Sale brought in \$2,735.60. Eileen discussed the need for organized volunteerism and having 3 people to work at all times. The hours and length of days needs to be reworked. She broke the work down as follows: PR, Finances, Contact with Better World Books and packing up, Volunteer coordinator with schools, certificates, etc. Set up would be Saturday or Monday, start time 10AM. Discussion ensued concerning opening later/staying later on Thursday. Teacher's discount was discussed; bag of books from 12-3 on Saturday; no cook books.

Lisa will discuss timing for Teddy Bear Sleep Over with photographer, Regina Ledgerwood.

The St. Patrick Day celebration in Ringwood will be March 23. Amy BG will lead this event.

The Fall Fundraiser at Berta's is half sold. The flyer needs updating and posting on the Library website. Pam Kern will supply 8 centerpieces. Karen will contact Mayor Speer and Scott Heck.

Membership: Amy BG and Karen signed up 6 new emails and gave out treats.

A proposal to fund an ancestry website was tabled. Lisa will look into a grant for this and a survey to determine interest was suggested.

New Business:

Membership: January is annual membership drive month. Discussion ensued about a daytime Friends meeting.

Friends Desk Area: Karen Marcus made a motion to approve the expansion of Tech Services into the Friends Corner. Amy BG seconded and the motion passed.

Grant proposal: The Director and Senior Librarian have asked for a grant to become a repository for curriculum material for the Center For Family Resources. Discussion ensued about the nature and scope of this endeavor. The issue was tabled to get more information.

Kitchen Renewal: Karen made a suggestion to set up an improved, inviting kitchen space. Discussion ensued about asking the Director for her input.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14 at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Marcus