

FRIENDS OF THE BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Annual Meeting 11/2/23

Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM.

PRESENT: Norma St. John, Hilary Veilleux, Kay Kerr, Allegra Wright, Connie Johnson, Mark Considine, Sally Fitzgerald, Estelle LaFleur.

Guest in attendance: Barbara Berko

Librarian Present: Laura Clerkin

Annual Meeting minutes from October 6, 2022: Motion to accept Norma, seconded by Kay. All accepted.

Treasurer's Report: CD1 \$8,985.34, CD2 \$4,026.30, Checking \$5,133.44 for total funds \$18,145.08. The Snack Shack made a profit of \$1,687.12 for the summer. Allegra motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Connie. All in favor.

New Business:

Elections - Eleven ballots were returned.

Officers:

President - Hilary Veilleux
Vice President – Allegra Wright
Secretary – Estelle LaFleur
Treasurer – Norma St. John

Board Members:

Mark Considine
Betty Grubbs
Kay Kerr

Sally Fitzgerald
Connie Johnson

Laura Clerkin (Librarian ex-officio)
Christina Bogat (Emeritus)

Kay motioned to accept the slate of officers and Sally seconded. All in favor. Allegra motioned to accept the slate of board members and Norma seconded. All in favor.

Bake Sale dates 2024 - There is no voting in town on November 7, 2023. The dates for 2024 are February 18, March 12, September 10, and November 5. The Presidential Primary is tentatively scheduled for January 23. The Friends will hold bake sales on the Primary, March, and November elections.

Old Business:

Update to Pay Pal – Estelle was able to get into the account and will explain how it works with Hilary and Norma.

Christmas Party – will be held December 2nd from 11:00am to 1:00pm. The 10th Anniversary Celebration for the library will be held on the same day from 9:00am to 11:00am. The Friends will donate a raffle basket for the Anniversary Celebration. Estelle motioned that the Friends allocate \$150.00 for items for the gift basket and Connie seconded. There will be five crafts for the Christmas Party. Laura will order them and give the bill to Norma. Christina Bogat will bake 100 cookies for the cookie decorating. Estelle will also bake cookies. Hilary has some volunteers but could use more. Marcia Dickerman will be Mrs. Claus again this year.

Telescopes – Hilary hasn't heard back from the people selling the telescopes since August 10th. Kay will reach out tomorrow for an update and depending on the response she gets may cancel the order. No funds have been spent yet on this order.

T-Shirts – They will be posted to the Facebook page and the photos given to Laura for the webpage.

Clean -up Pollinator Garden and StoryWalk© – will take place November 3rd beginning at 10:00am.

Gingerbread prizes -\$25.00 gift certificate and book mark donated by Christina for the Legacy Book Store. \$100.00 gift certificate from the Little Village Toy and Book Shop. Displays are due to the library by December 1st.

Motion to adjourn Mark, seconded by Allegra. All in favor.

Next regular meeting will be held December 7, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM. Submitted by Estelle LaFleur.