

FRIENDS OF BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
Minutes of meeting held August 10, 2023

Board Members present: Hilary Veilleux, Norma St. John, Kay Kerr, Allegra Wright, Sally Fitzgerald, Mark Considine, Estelle LaFleur

Friends Members present: Connie Johnson

Librarian present:

Meeting called to order 5:27pm.

July 13, 2023 FOBPL minutes: Allegra motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Kay. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: The CD current balance is \$8,896.95, checking account current balance is \$8,181.47, for a total of \$17,078.42. Norma renewed the CD for another six months.

Sally motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Connie. All in favor.

Old Business

Update Eclipse T-shirts – The children's T-Shirts have been ordered in the neon green color initially selected. The cost for those is \$780.75. The adult shirts order is in process.

Summer Concerts – The Snack Shack is finally turning a profit after several weeks of rain causing low to no turnout on those Sundays.

Telescopes – The telescope kits are in production and should be ready for the fall.

Update on PayPal – Still in process. We need to have a test payment to see how things work with PayPal.

New Business

Lock code for storage room – The code has been shared with those who will be watering the pollinator garden.

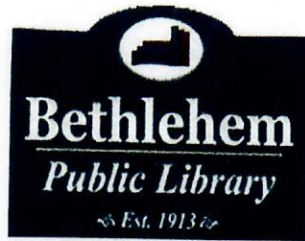
End of Summer Reading program – Was held on August 1st. The program was Aesop's Fables. The Friends donated ice cream cups for the children. The Library sent a thank you letter which will be attached to the minutes sent out.

Allegra made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sally. The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Estelle LaFleur



August 8, 2023

Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library
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Dear Friends:

Thank you for all your help with the 2023 Summer Reading Program. I waited to write until the program was complete so that I could share with you in detail how your participation made a difference this year.

Our theme this year was "All Together Now" which emphasized community, unity, and inclusion. For a period of six weeks participants of all ages played book Bingo, earning raffle tickets for each bingo square completed. We gave out 670 raffle tickets! 69 people signed up to play Bingo this year, and we had over 400 attendees at our 18 programs. The help with the garden program, as well as sponsoring the finale and ice cream really helped make this an awesome summer for our patrons!

Positive experiences and rewards for reading help make lifelong readers, learners, and library patrons! On behalf of everyone at Bethlehem Public Library, thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Laura Clerkin, M.S.L.S.
Director