

FRIENDS OF BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY Minutes of meeting held November 3, 2022

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

Friends Members present: Connie Johnson

Librarian present: Laura Clerkin

Meeting called to order 5:27pm.

September 1, 2022 FOBPL minutes: Norma motioned to accept the minutes as edited, seconded by Connie. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: The CD current balance \$8,745.77, checking account current balance \$8,998.39, for a total of \$17,744.16. Allegra motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Mark. All in favor.

Old Business

PayPal – Chelsey is working on it and will have it ready soon

Christmas function at library, December 3rd 11am to 1pm – A sign up sheet for volunteers was passed around – Volunteers are needed for this event - Estelle will ask for volunteers when she sends out the minutes – Laura is waiting to hear if the folks at BES will be helping again this year. Hilary requested that the stations be spread throughout the library again this year. There are five crafts, cookie decorating, and Mrs. Claus will read to the children. Marsha Dickerman will be Mrs. Claus. Volunteers should arrive by 10:30am.

Bake sale, November 8th 8am to 7pm – set up at Town Hall is Monday, November 7th from 3pm to 4pm. Volunteers to staff the table in two-hour shifts and donations of baked goods are still needed.

Donations can be dropped off at the library on Monday and at Town Hall on Tuesday.

Eclipse glasses – nothing new to report

Plaque, increase in shipping – Garden and StoryWalk thank you plaque was backordered, and the shipping cost has increased Allegra motioned to pay the additional shipping charge of \$217.65 and Norma seconded. All in motion.

New Business

Paint Night at library. Laura asked if the Friends would sponsor \$350 for 10 people? There was one held over the summer and the Summer Reading program paid for it. Allegra motioned to sponsor the Paint Night and Sally seconded. All in favor. This will be held on Thursday, November 10th at the library. All spaces have been filled.

Follow up from conference that Laura attended – New England Library Association Conference was held last week. One of the sessions was on Family Engagement especially for younger children. One of the topics was learning through play. The intent is for parents to interact with their children and ask

questions of the play area/what did they see, hear, etc?, early learning concepts. Laura is thinking about how the existing spaces can be used for education/community and if the Friends might be interested in helping with the program. Hilary asked Laura to provide a wish list/plan for the project. Laura will do some research and get back to the Friends.

Connie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sally. Meeting adjourned 6:15pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Estelle Lafleur