

FRIENDS OF BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes of meeting held November 11, 2024

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

Friends Members present: Candy Murphy

Guests present:

Librarian present: Laura Clerkin

Meeting called to order 5:36pm

October 3, 2024 FOBPL minutes: Sally motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Allegra. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: The CD current balance is \$9,396.30, the second CD balance is \$4,207.88, and the checking account current balance is \$8,705.49, for a total of \$22,309.67.

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

Old Business

Christmas ornament fundraiser update – Hilary read a letter from Sue Presby regarding the ornaments. She and her husband have covered the cost of the ornaments for this year to kick-start this fundraising venture. All those selling ornaments are asked to capture names, addresses, and email addresses from those purchasing ornaments so we can reach out to folks for future ornament sales. Estelle will check with Chelsey to set up a NON-SHIPPING PayPal credit card purchase QR code for folks who don't have a PayPal account. Allegra shared a synopsis of a recent marketing meeting with ideas for selling ornaments. Ornaments may be picked up at the library, but NO SALES WILL BE MADE AT THE LIBRARY. Laura will work with Abby to fix the flyer and will share it with the board before it is published. Estelle has the padded envelopes and will be responsible for shipping ornaments sold with shipping.

Bake Sale November – The Bake Sale was successful, and we sold out again by 3:30PM. The Friends made \$820.00 at the sale.

Update Pavilion – A rough estimate for the pavilion that Laura would like would cost about \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00. This would need to be a community venture. Laura will work on looking into grants over the winter as well as drafting a letter to be shared with the community. We will revisit this in March.

Pollinator Garden clean up – Everything has been weeded and mulch put down. It is sleeping for the winter.

Christmas party – Will take place on December 7th from 11:00AM to 1:00PM. There are three crafts, decorating bags, and decorating cookies. There will be 150 crafts per table. Norma and Hilary will order them. Christina and Candy will make the cookies. Marsha Dickerman will be Mrs. Claus again. Set up will be Friday, December 6th at 3:00PM.

Brown bag lunches – Will take place November 15th from 12:00PM to 1:00PM. This is an opportunity for citizens to learn about local government. The Friends will present information about what the Friends do for the library. Allegra urged the Friends Board Members to attend the presentation.

New Business

Laura asked if we would support the gingerbread contest again this year at a cost of \$125.00. All in favor.

Laura shared that one of the StoryWalk© boards has completely fallen off and is in her office. Hilary and Ross will repair it.

Other Business

Friends Future – tabled

Connie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sally. The meeting adjourned at 7:02PM.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Estelle LaFleur