

FRIENDS OF BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY Minutes of meeting held December 1, 2022

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

Friends Members present:

Librarian present: Laura Clerkin

Meeting called to order 5:31pm.

November 3, 2022 FOBPL minutes: Allegra motioned to accept the minutes as edited, seconded by Kay. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: The CD current balance \$8,745.94, checking account current balance \$10,062.82, for a total of \$18,808.82. Donations received: \$1,000.00 NH Charitable Foundation and \$6.42 Amazon Smile. Estelle will share that the Friends receive quarterly checks from Amazon Smile from the donation program when folks use smile.amazon.com to purchase items on Amazon.

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

Old Business

PayPal – Chelsey and Norma will work on getting a PayPal account set up in January.

Children's Christmas Party at library, December 3rd 11am to 1pm – Hilary and Laura have planned where the various stations will be located during the party. There are five crafts and cookie decorating and Mrs. Claus will be on hand to read to the children. Hilary has eight volunteers for the party and Laura will be on hand to take pictures and help as needed. Christina Bogat volunteered to bake the cookies. Norma will purchase the rest of the items for the party. The cookies and two crafts in the community room will be the last activities inside so there won't be frosting or cookie crumbs in the library proper. The Garden Club will be outside with the final activity.

Bake sale – was a great success – food was sold out by 3:00pm, \$532.25 was the final tally for profit

Eclipse glasses – Laura and Kay have researched glasses and will have a final selection before the March 2023 meeting. There are many variables that they need to finalize before making a recommendation to the board. Kay motioned that she and Laura place an order for the eclipse glasses up to \$350.00. Norma seconded. All in favor.

Paint night – Laura said it went well and the cost was \$210.00 instead of the anticipated \$350.00.

New Business

Gingerbread houses – Friends will sponsor the contest as was agreed during an email vote in November. The cost for the prizes is \$122.00. Voting takes place December 12-17. The Friends and Library Trustees will vote on the gift certificate prize and the cookbook will be selected as the People's Choice Award. As part of their curriculum, the fourth-grade students at BES are working on a gingerbread project covering a variety of subjects. Estelle motioned that the Friends provide a gift of a \$5.00 gift certificate to the local used bookstore for each fourth-grade student not to exceed a total expenditure of \$150.00. Sally seconded. All in favor.

'Playroom' - Idea from conference – Laura doesn't have information on this but is thinking of some things she'd like to do next year in addition to the items sponsored by the Friends every year

Possible programs for next year:

- Iditarod program – Karen Land possible program for February/March
- Maybe a couple of authors – Paul Doiron from Maine is a suggestion, Mike Bruno is working on a second edition of local historical markers, other authors

The cardboard was laid down for the Pollinator Garden by several volunteers who also took care of other maintenance needs for the garden.

Norma made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sally. Meeting adjourned 6:45pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Estelle Lafleur