

FRIENDS OF BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes of meeting held December 7, 2023

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

Friends Members present:

Librarian present:

Meeting called to order 5:32pm.

October 5, 2023 FOBPL minutes: Norma motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Allegra. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: The CD current balance is \$9,015.32, the second CD balance is \$4,039.74, and the checking account current balance is \$6,255.50, for a total of \$19,310.56.

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

Old Business

Telescope – Hilary suggested that the telescope be used as a door prize for the Eclipse event rather than selling raffle tickets for it. The winner must be present when the winning ticket is selected. Laura was consulted and agreed to the idea. Allegra motioned to accept Hilary's idea to make the telescope a door prize and Norma seconded. All in favor.

Gingerbread Houses – The last day for voting is December 9, 2023.

Christmas Party – The event was very successful. The total attendance was 309 people in four hours. There were about 100 people for the Anniversary Celebration and all book bags were given out. There were about 209 people for the Children's Christmas Party. All seemed to have a wonderful experience. Allegra wanted to make note that the thicker cookies were better for decorating. Connie noted that the crafts were too intense for the children to complete easily. Thank you to all the volunteers who baked and worked at the Christmas Party.

Update on PayPal – Norma and Hilary sat down with Estelle and know how to log in to the Friends gmail account for notices when deposits are pending. They also learned how to see what pending in the PayPal account and automatic transfers were set up. Norma will check on Monday to see if it goes through. Estelle and Chelsey have found a possible solution to get the Eclipse T-Shirts set up online for purchasing.

Pollinator Garden and StoryWalk© – The garden has been weeded, cleaned up, and cardboard laid down. The StoryWalk© has also been cleaned up and both are set for the winter.

New Business

Bake Sale during Primary voting – The Primary is January 23, 2024. The Friends will have a bake sale and T-Shirts will be available for purchase.

Family Game area – Discussion tabled and will be revisited when Laura is available to share information.

Betty Grubbs would like to step down from the board after many years of service. Her service to the Friends over the years is greatly appreciated.

Thank you letter for donation – The Friends received a \$1,000.00 donation from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. Hilary sent a thank you note explaining that the funds will be used helping the library with their programs.

Allegra made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Connie. The meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Estelle LaFleur