

FRIENDS OF BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
Minutes of meeting held December 5, 2024

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

Friends Members present: Candy Murphy

Guests present: Abigail Tule

Librarian present:

Meeting called to order 5:35pm

November 11, 2024 FOBPL minutes: Allegra motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Sue. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: The CD current balance is \$9,433.50, the second CD balance is \$4,224.50, and the checking account current balance is \$11,744.53, for a total of \$25,402.53.

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

Old Business

Christmas Ornaments – Sales are moving along. We can't sell them during the Children's Christmas Party, but the flyer can be posted and volunteers can talk about them and direct them to the flyer. Library personnel can't sell them. This is because everything is free at the library. There are still some businesses to contact to ask if they will be willing to post the flyer.

Children's Christmas Party – The crafts are individually packaged. Volunteers will explain the various crafts to the children as they walk through the library to the different tables and end in the conference room for decorating the cookies, coffee, and final crafts. A series of paper chains will be set up to direct the flow of traffic. Set up will be Friday afternoon at 3:00PM and volunteers are asked to be at the library for 10:30am on Saturday.

Brown bag lunches – There were about fifteen to twenty people at the event. The town officials were surprised with how much the library does. It is important that the word gets out about how crucial the library is for the town.

Gingerbread House contest – update – There has only been one entry to date. Hopefully there will be more submissions on Friday since judging begins on Saturday.

New Business

The Friends will sponsor the birth books again this year.

Hilary sent thank you notes for the November Bake Sale. These were shared on the library website and the Friends Facebook page.

The Friends will host a bake sale for town voting on March 11, 2025.

Candy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sue. The meeting adjourned at 6:31PM.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 5:30pm.