

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

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

Friends Members present: Sue Presby

Guests present: Candy Murphy

Librarian present: Laura Clerkin

Meeting called to order 5:30pm

August 1, 2024 FOBPL minutes: Sue motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Norma. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: The CD current balance is \$9,323.71, the second CD balance is \$4,175.37, and the checking account current balance is \$5,664.28, for a total of \$9,163.36. To date, the Snack Shack has a profit of \$1,634.50.

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

Old Business

Christmas ornament fundraiser update – Sue shared the proof of the ornament. It is two dimensional and the cost will be \$10.00 each. Unfortunately, the minimum order is 250 ornaments, not 150. Could we see about asking them to sell them by consignment or partnerships? Every board member will be asked to sell a minimum of ten ornaments to help sell the ornaments. Sue will reach out to Beacon Design one more time to see if they might consider lowering the minimum order to 200 units. We will table this until Sue gets back to us and hold an email vote. Sue, Laura, and Estelle will work together as a small subcommittee for the ornaments.

Parade, August 10th - recap – All had a great time. Laura shared photos and put pictures on the website. All bookmarks and candies were distributed with no leftovers.

Gazebo Concerts - update – sales have been strong. The makeup concert will be on September 15th at 5:00PM, not 6:00PM. Allegra and Sally will need help at the Sundae Table and Norma needs help in the Shack.

T-Shirt sales – update – tabled.

Bake Sale – election September 10th – Allegra suggested that any TShirts that are left be put on display with a "By donation" for the cost. Hilary sent an email asking for donations of baked goods. Estelle will send an email to the Friends mailing list requesting baked goods. Donations can be dropped off at the library on Monday 1:00PM to 4:00PM or at Town Hall between 4:00PM and 5:00PM or Tuesday morning at Town Hall.

Friends Future – brainstorming – tabled.

Pavilion update – Laura met with Bob LaFleur to discuss the pavilion. He is waiting for additional information to share with Laura.

New Business

Annual Meeting – October 3, 2024 – Estelle shared the Annual Meeting letters with the group. Mark Considine will not renew his term as a Board Member. He will still help at different activities. Sue Presby is willing to be a Board Member. There are two open slots for Board Members on the ballot. Estelle will print everything, including two sets of mailing labels, and bring them to Town Hall on Tuesday, September 10th. Norma, Connie, and Allegra will set a time to meet and prepare the mailing.

Bake Sale – election November 5th – This will be a big Bake Sale and will include soup and chili. Further discussion will happen at the Annual Meeting.

Allegra thanked Mark Considine for his help on the Board over the years.

Sue made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Norma. The meeting adjourned at 6:38PM.

Annual Meeting: October 3, 2024 at 5:30pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Estelle LaFleur