

FRIENDS OF BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY Minutes of meeting held July 7, 2022

Board Members present: Hilary Veilleux, Norma St. John, Kay Kerr, Margaret Considine, Mark Considine, Estelle LaFleur

Friends Members present:

Librarian present: Laura Clerkin

Meeting called to order 5:37 pm

June 2, 2022 FOBPL minutes: Kay motioned to accept the minutes as is, seconded by Norma. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: The CD current balance \$8,744.27, checking account current balance \$6,417.85, for a total of \$15,162.12. Checks were written for food for the concessions at the summer concert. Deposits were made from the sales of food at the concessions. Norma has also sold several T-Shirts. Kay motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Mark. All in favor.

Old Business

Competition for Dino's new name – Chelsey has all the names that were submitted. Hilary suggested that Chelsey pick one of the names and the winner will be notified on Sunday at the concert. Everyone agreed. Laura will post it on the website and Chelsey will put it on social media.

Summer concerts – Norma needs help this Sunday. She also needs help working the grill on July 31st and August 7th.

Pollinator garden - the garden is looking good but needs weeding. There is an issue with the spigot and a new one will be installed. It requires a key to be used and Laura is the guardian of those keys. A watering schedule may need to be created until the plants are established.

StoryWalk® - plaques for podiums need to be ordered. Hilary asked Laura to place that order since she was the contact person for the quote. A deposit of ½ of the quote will be required when the order is placed. In addition, the wording is needed for the plaque in Elaine Stroop's memory to be submitted when placing the order. Hilary suggested "In Memory of Elaine Stroop".

Wildlife camera - Laura sent an email to Veronica and is awaiting a response.

Summer Kick-Off Program - Laura shared that the kick-off went very well. Over 100 people went through the whale in two hours. The Blue Ocean Society originally stipulated that no one under five years old be allowed to go through the whale, but since they were late and there wasn't a huge crowd, they did allow the younger children to experience the attraction. The summer program is geared toward school-aged children to adults. There are 13 programs in five weeks for the Summer Reading Program.

Update area development - Laura shared that everything except the plaque has been received. The Odd Fellows put everything together for Laura. Her husband and volunteers were able to remove the picnic tables. The instruments are in place. There is a bit of clean-up left to do with dirt and mulch. Hilary will handle that. There are also signs in place identifying the various plants.

2024 Solar Eclipse - Laura attended the function at the Colonial on June 21st. There was a representative from the State Department of Tourism. Others spoke about the science of the eclipse. In Bethlehem, we are just south of the total eclipse. Lancaster is at the very edge and will experience a total eclipse for about 45 seconds. Colebrook will experience a three-minute eclipse. There was much shared that didn't have anything to do with the library.

NH.gov will have lots of information on its site, including various activities and events.

A suggestion that was made is to order the special glasses now since they were sold out early for the last eclipse. Logos can be added to the glasses. American Paper Optics and Rainbow Symphony are recommended vendors for the glasses.

The library is planning to have a watch party for the eclipse and will be live-streamed.

The eclipse is April 8th, 2024, in the middle of mud season.

Kay shared that there is someone willing to come to speak about the eclipse. There is a state-wide workshop October 2023 to help plan for some of the logistics.

Kay and Laura will get together and create a plan. They will also get information for the purchase of glasses and possibly T-Shirts.

New Business

1000 Books Before Kindergarten – Additional shirts are needed at a cost of \$16.95/shirt and artwork for \$20.00. Total for 24 shirts = \$426.80. Bags are also needed at \$2.00 each and 24 are needed. This is the first time the shirts are being reordered. The total expenditure is \$474.80. The children who reach this goal are photographed and showcased in the Courier. Laura said there are three more shirts available and four children who are close to reaching the goal. Norma motioned to approve the purchase of the shirts and bags at a total of \$474.80. Margaret seconded. All approved.

Margaret made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kay. Meeting adjourned 6:37pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Estelle Lafleur