

FRIENDS OF BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes of meeting ~~held August 10, 2023~~ September 7, 2023

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

Friends Members present: Connie Johnson

Librarian present:

Meeting called to order 5:42pm.

August 10, 2023 FOBPL minutes: Norma motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Allegra. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: The CD current balance is \$8,926.64, checking account current balance is \$5,157.44, for a total of \$17,078.42. Norma opened a second CD which has a current balance of \$4000.00. The total of funds for the Friends is \$18,084.08

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

Old Business

Update Eclipse T-shirts – The shirts have arrived. The cost of the shirts was \$1,899.28 for both adult and youth shirts. Hilary sold five at the final summer concert. The sale price of the shirts is \$18.00 for child small and medium, \$20.00 for child large and extra-large, and \$22.00 for all adult sizes. If two or more shirts are purchased at the same time, there will be a \$2.00 discount per shirt. The shirts will be sold online via the Facebook page and the webpage.

Summer Concerts – The profit for the season was \$1,687.12. There were several concerts that were impacted by the summer rain. Norma is to be thanked and commended for her hard work organizing and running the Snack Shack for the summer.

Telescopes – Hilary placed the order for the telescopes quite a while ago. She hadn't heard anything for several weeks after the order was accepted. Kay reached out to the vendor and Hilary received an email explaining that the order was in process and would be sent out for delivery in early October.

Update on PayPal – Estelle will work with Chelsey and explain how the process works at a future meeting.

New Business

Facebook page – Estelle suggested that those who have a Facebook account like and share the Friends Facebook page and invite their Facebook friends to like the page. This will increase visibility for the activities sponsored by the Friends.

Revised meeting room policy – Laura shared via email the new policy set by the Trustees. The Friends are all set to book the room for the monthly meetings.

Donation – The Friends received an unsolicited donation of \$1,000.00 from the Millicent C. Starr Charitable Trust and Hilary sent an email. This was sent on the recommendation of Kimberly Druker Stockwell. Hilary sent a thank you letter.

Annual Meeting – Connie motioned to move the Annual Meeting to November and Norma seconded. This will allow the board to get the required documents together to mail out in a timely manner. All in favor.

Sally made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Norma. The meeting adjourned at 6:47pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Estelle LaFleur