

## FRIENDS OF BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Minutes of meeting held October 3, 2024

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

Friends Members present:

Guests present:

Librarian present:

Meeting called to order 6:16pm

**September 5, 2024 FOBPL minutes:** Allegra motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Connie. All in favor.

**Treasurer's report:** The CD current balance is \$9,360.53, the second CD balance is \$4,191.86, and the checking account current balance is \$7,557.09, for a total of \$21,109.48.

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

#### Old Business

Christmas ornament fundraiser update – The ornaments should be here in another week and will be available for the Bake Sale. Sue will let us know when they are in. All board members have committed to selling fourteen ornaments each which will allow us to break even. Estelle shared that Chelsey is willing to set up an online store for the ornaments through PayPal. Can she set it up so folks without PayPal can make purchases? She will also share on social media anything that is presented to her regarding the ornaments.

Final shack – Total deposits from the Snack Shack were \$4,557.96 and total expenses were \$2,264.23 for a net profit of \$2,293.73. This is higher than last year, which is due in large part to the favorable weather conditions over the summer. PayPal was used for a purchase.

Bake Sale September – Funds raised were \$462.00 and the town owes \$3.50 for a total profit of \$465.50.

Update Pavilion – Bob and Laura have communicated, and information will be forthcoming at a future meeting.

#### New Business

Pollinator Garden clean up – Scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

Christmas party – Christmas in Bethlehem is a go. The tentative date is December 7<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas Party has historically been held from 11:00am to 1:00pm. The Friends will purchase the crafts this year. There will be five tables: coloring bags, three craft tables, and the cookie decorating table. Hilary will reach out to the Mrs. Claus volunteer to see if she is available. Last year, there were 209 for the

Children's Christmas Party, which included adults. Norma will purchase 150 each of three different crafts. Christina and Candy will make cookies.

Brown bag lunches – Allegra shared about the Brown Bag Lunch program held at Town Hall which is a time when town employees shared about the different departments and programs in the town. She shared a part of a letter from Mary Moritz who suggested that the Friends share at one of the upcoming sessions. Allegra continued that this would be a great idea to start promoting the Friends and increase awareness of the group. We were invited to the October 18<sup>th</sup> session. Many Friends are unavailable on that date. Allegra will ask if we might go to the November 15<sup>th</sup> session.

Bake Sale November – November 5<sup>th</sup>, soups and baked goods are needed.

Friends Future – we will meet in January to brainstorm how to increase exposure within the community.

Allegra made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Connie. The meeting adjourned at 7:44PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Estelle LaFleur