

FRIENDS OF BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes of meeting held March 14, 2024

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

Friends Members present: Susan Presby

Librarian present: Laura Clerkin

Meeting called to order 6:07pm.

December 7, 2023 FOBPL minutes: Norma motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Kay. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: The CD current balance is \$9,144.09, the second CD balance is \$4,079.87, and the checking account current balance is \$7,010.01, for a total of \$20,233.97.

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

Old Business

Update on PayPal – PayPal is working! Estelle will ask Chelsey to add the QR code to the Facebook announcement for Tshirts. We sold out of the XXL shirts.

Pollinator Garden and StoryWalk© – Spring cleaning dates will be set in April. There is water damage on the back sides of the podiums. All will need to be repaired. There is an Eclipse Story that will be on the podiums as soon as all podiums are back.

Bake Sales – The Bake Sale held on March 12th brought in \$615.75. The Bake Sale in January brought in over \$600.00. Both events were sold out. Thank you to all who supported the bake sales. There is another election in September for the primary for the state elections as well as the general election in November. Bake sales will be held at both events.

Tshirts – The first order for Tshirts came in via Laura through the gmail account. We'll start promoting Tshirts again online.

New Business

Eclipse Party at Library – Hilary would like as many volunteers as possible to help at the Eclipse Party. The Eclipse starts at 2:16pm and ends at 4:38pm. The party will run from 1:00pm to 4:30pm. Glasses will be distributed beginning at 2:00pm on April 8th. Two telescopes will be raffled off as well as a few Tshirts. The winner must be present to win. The event will be broadcast on the TV in the library. We will provide 500 mesh bags of 10 lbs of black and yellow m-n-m's and space stickers. Laura will see if there are any food trucks who might want to park at the library for that day. Norma motioned to approve all expenses in relation to the eclipse party and Connie seconded. All in favor.

Summer Programs – The summer reading program theme is Adventure. Performers for the kick-off will offer Treasure Island at the Colonial and the cost is \$550.00. The performer for the finale will be Magic

Fred at a cost of \$600.00. Laura would like to purchase Virtual Reality goggles – four pair – for VR travel for adults, which can then be used for teens for gaming. The goggles are \$500.00 each. She will apply for a grant for the fourth pair. The total requested for the summer program and three pair of goggles with associate apps is \$2,750.00. Estelle motioned to allocate \$2,750.00 for the library programs. Allegra seconded. All in favor.

Outdated emails – Laura will take a look at the bounced emails that are sent every time email goes out. Estelle will send the list to Laura as well as the general mailing list.

Birth books – there were only five new babies born in Bethlehem in 2003. Norma will send the check to Laura for the books purchased.

Allegra made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Connie. The meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Estelle LaFleur