

FRIENDS OF BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes of meeting held April 11, 2024

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

Friends Members present:

Librarian present: Laura Clerkin

Meeting called to order 5:32pm

March 14, 2024 FOBPL minutes: Norma motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Allegra. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: The CD current balance is \$9,144.09, the second CD balance is \$4,094.94, and the checking account current balance is \$7,670.93, for a total of \$20,909.96. Norma spent \$100.00 for the upcoming Summer Reading Program.

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

Old Business

Pollinator Garden and StoryWalk© – The clean-up date for the garden will be June 12th at 9:00AM.

- Karen Pearson has offered monarda (bee balm) for the Pollinator Garden.
- Marti Cooke is organizing a plant swap on June 1st at the library. Any plant donations from this event will be appreciated.
- Hilary will create new labels to replace the faded labels in the garden.

Eclipse Event at Library – The event went well. The weather cooperated beautifully. Over 160 pairs of glasses were given out. There were over 50 people who stayed for the eclipse.

- T-shirt income – seven T-shirts were sold; the extra shirts will be available at the Snack Shack.

Outdated email addresses – Laura didn't get the spreadsheet so Estelle will resend it.

New Business

Kami Miller's request for Summer Reading Program – Tuesday, July 2, 2024 11:00am start of Summer Reading Program. Kami would like to do a garden station again this year and needs volunteers to help with that station and will be better prepared. Allegra is willing to help but would like an additional person to help.

Sue Presby's suggestions for different programs and fundraisers – Sue suggested doing a Christmas ornament for the library sold by the Friends. She is willing to get additional information if we would like

to think about this fundraising option. Hilary asked if she would be willing to be the point person for this endeavor. This will be discussed at a future meeting since Sue was unable to attend this meeting.

Book Sale – Will take place starting June 29th. Historically, the Trustees have manned the sale for the starting day. At their recent meeting, they suggested that members of the Friends help with each of the three shifts to get to know each group. Everyone likes the idea, and everyone is checking schedules.

Allegra made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Norma. The meeting adjourned at 6:29pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Estelle LaFleur