

FRIENDS OF BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes of meeting held May 2, 2024

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

Friends Members present:

Guests present: Sue Presby

Librarian present: Laura Clerkin

Meeting called to order 5:35pm

April 11, 2024 FOBPL minutes: Norma motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Allegra. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: The CD current balance is \$9,180.20, the second CD balance is \$4,111.11, and the checking account current balance is \$7,768.93, for a total of \$21,060.24. We have broken even on the Eclipse T-shirts. There are still children shirts available to be sold during the Summer Concerts.

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

Old Business

Fundraiser Suggestions – Sue suggested a possible new fundraiser for the FOBPL: Christmas ornaments. She is willing to get information from a vendor to bring to a future meeting along with sample ornaments. This is something that could be done annually with a new design each year. Everyone likes the idea and would like more information.

Book Sale June 29th, volunteers – Hilary wants to remind folks that the Trustees would like some Friends to help with the Book Sale. Laura will send a sign-up sheet for those who are able to help.

Pollinator Garden/Summer Reading Program – Allegra would like some volunteers to assist at the event on July 2nd. Folks will check their schedule and let her know availability.

Pollinator Garden Clean-Up Date – June 12th 9:00AM – Hilary put out a reminder for those who are able to help on that day.

New Business

Bethlehem Summer Fest – Saturday, August 10th – Angel Larcom sent a note regarding the event which includes a parade at 2:00PM. Is this something we want to consider since this is the 250th Anniversary of the town? All are in agreement, and we'll put together a plan. Laura will contact Angel to let her know we will participate.

Gazebo Concerts - Norma is waiting for a response for the Summer Concerts so a plan can be made for cleaning, scheduling, and shopping.

VR Goggles - Laura received the grant for the goggles. She will put together the receipts for the items the Friends approved at a prior meeting and give them to Norma.

Reads-to-go kit – These are bags with 15 copies of a book to be used for Book Groups. It also includes discussion guides. Several libraries use these for their patrons. Laura asked if the Friends would be willing to sponsor the new bag of *I Have Some Questions for You* for a cost of approximately \$210.00. Allegra motioned to sponsor the Reads-to-Go kit and Sally seconded. All in favor.

Allegra made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Norma. The meeting adjourned at 6:34pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Estelle LaFleur