

FRIENDS OF THE BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Annual Meeting 10/7/21

Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM.

**PRESENT:** Norma St. John, Hilary Veilleux, Margaret Considine, Mark Considine, Mary Polaski, Chelsey LaFleur, Estelle LaFleur.

**Annual Meeting minutes from October 3, 2019:** Motion to accept Norma, seconded by Mary. All accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** CD \$8,740.92, Checking \$10,675.03 for total funds \$19,415.95. Motion to accept Mary, seconded by Margaret. All in favor.

**New Business:**

Elections - Fifteen ballots were returned

- President - Hilary Veilleux
- Vice President – Kay Kerr
- Secretary – Estelle LaFleur
- Treasurer – Norma St. John

Board Members:

- Margaret Considine
- Mark Considine
- Betty Grubbs
- Mary Polaski
- Donna Tholl
- Laura Clerkin (Librarian ex-officio)
- Christina Bogat (Emeritus)

Margaret motioned to accept the slate of officers and board members. Chelsey seconded. All in favor.

Rescind vote of October 6, 2016 re: number of board members:

- At annual meeting on 10/6/16, the number of board members and officers was reduced to seven from eleven members. It had been approved. There was no follow through in notifying the State of NH of this decision. Estelle motioned to rescind the vote taken on 10/6/16 and Norma seconded. All in favor. The board members and officers is officially eleven.

Voting November 2<sup>nd</sup> bake sale:

- Mary motioned not to hold a bake sale this year and Norma seconded. All in favor.

**Old Business:**

Partners of the Month:

- FOBPL was not selected as a recipient this year. A big vote of thanks goes out to Mary Polaski, Margaret Considine, Mary Considine, Christina Bogart, Chelsey LaFleur, Estelle LaFleur, and all who all worked diligently on the application process, promotion, and staffing the table at the Co-op. The Friends received 113 votes, which is fabulous considering how little time we had to pull this together.
- We need to begin the process earlier and start promoting the Friends in everything we do so that folks are aware of all the benefits provided to the library.

Support from the Library and Trustees:

- Margaret shared the research she conducted regarding the Library Trustees and the lack of support from the group from when they attended the Trustee meeting. If the library had supported the Partner of the Month effort, there is belief that the Friends could have won. The Trustees are happy for the Friends to support the library, but the Friends need reciprocal support from the Trustees to continue to provide these programs.

Dinosaur:

- The Trustees and Laura do not want the Dinosaur in the library but they have approved putting it in the hallway. Mary has concerns about that location and wants it in the foyer. After much discussion, the topic will be reviewed and discussion will continue at a later time. Naming will be discussed in early 2022.

Library Grant:

- The Friends have agreed to support the Library Grant with \$500 if the library is approved for the grant.

Christmas in Bethlehem:

- The town canceled Christmas in Bethlehem this year. Laura is willing to host a Christmas party for the children at the library. Hilary will ask her for details before we vote to support the project.

Motion to adjourn Mark, seconded by Norma. All in favor.

**Next meeting will be held November 7, 2019.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Submitted by Estelle LaFleur.