

FRIENDS OF BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY Minutes of meeting held September 1, 2022

Board Members present: Hilary Veilleux, Norma St. John, Kay Kerr, Margaret Considine, Mark Considine, Estelle LaFleur

Friends Members present: Allegra Wright

Librarian present: Laura Clerkin

Meeting called to order 5:37pm.

August 4, 2022 FOBPL minutes: Hilary noted that there was a sentence fragment in the August minutes that should have read that “Chelsey will also work on getting information on how to add it to our webpage.” Norma motioned to accept the minutes as edited, seconded by Kay. All in favor.

Treasurer’s report: The CD current balance \$8,744.86, checking account current balance \$7,304.38, for a total of \$16,09.24. The report for the Snack Shack will be shared in the Old Business section. We are in the black by \$1,364.42. Margaret motioned to accept the Treasurer’s report, seconded by Mark. All in favor.

Old Business

Summer concerts – Norma shared that we have made \$1,364.42. She has minimal expenses for the last concert on Sunday. All the T-shirts have been sold. Norma noted that there are fewer younger people who attended the concerts this year. The weather has been great and the turnout fantastic. Thank you to the volunteers who helped at the Snack Shack, which is the main source of fundraising for the Friends.

StoryWalk® -

Cameras - There is still a possibility that wildlife cameras will be available from a grant the town is working on, but the funds wouldn’t be available until the end of the year. Discussion followed about purchasing cameras or waiting for the spring. Hilary suggested waiting until spring before moving forward with proceeding with cameras. The topic will be tabled until the first meeting of 2023.

Plaques – the first two engraving orders for the plaques for the podiums were ordered today. Norma has already paid for the pre-engraving portion of the order for the 19 plaques. The shipping and engraving costs will be charged at a later date.

PayPal, Venmo – Chelsey was able to get some information regarding these services for donations and dues payments. Questions needing answers: How do we get the information of who has made the donations? How is funding tracked? Are funds deposited in one lump sum or by individual payments? Ideally, we’d like to have this set up to share in the letters for the Annual Meeting.

Velocireader – Estelle will check with Chelsey on the sign for the Dino.

New Business

Ballots and letters for Annual meeting – Estelle will change the logo to the new Velocireader graphic. Hilary will work on the letter. The documents must go out by 9/22/22, so everything must be to Estelle by 9/15/22. Estelle will print 120 bookmarks to include in the mailing and to have them on the desk in the library. The bookmarks will have the Annual Meeting information on them. Margaret Considine is stepping down as a board member. Mary Polaski resigned earlier in the year. Sally Fitzgerald and Allegra Wright are willing to serve on the board.

Christmas in Bethlehem – will be Saturday, December 3 from 11am to 1pm. The Friends will participate in this again. Norma will purchase the craft kits as soon as possible. Further discussion will take place at the November meeting.

Norma made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Margaret. Meeting adjourned 6:51pm.

Annual Meeting will be Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 5:30pm

Next meeting: Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Estelle Lafleur