

FRIENDS OF THE RINGWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2024
7:00 pm at the Library and via ZOOM

NOTES

Call to Order 7:12pm

In Attendance: Fiona Rose, Cliff Safane, Penny Safane, Makala McQuiston, Eileen Manley, Assistant Director Mary Ellen D'Elia, Karen Marcus, Marge Gavan and Library Director Wendy Sandford

Chair's Remarks Fiona Rose welcomed the new and first-time attendees and announced that going forward Wendy Leine would be sole Chair of the Friends and she will move into the Secretary position.

Financial Report Eileen Manley reported that the current bank account is \$23,448.94 with the most recent deposits being for Liberty Science Center tickets. EM expects to have a PNL statement for the next meeting.

Remarks from the Director Wendy Sandford commented that the Cooper/Hewitt museum passes have sold well.

Old Business:

- **Friends 2024 Budget Line Proposal:** Mary Ellen D'Elia explained that while the proposed budget has been approved by the Board, WS and MED wanted to explain the new budget process in detail. MED walked through each of the budget lines, emphasizing that the Friends still have approval of how the funds are spent. In addition to the "regular" budget lines for the movie license and the piano tuning, a budget line is added for library programming. Paid programs will be advertised as "Sponsored by the Friends of the Ringwood Public Library."
- **St. Patrick's Day Event:** The morning of March 23, 2024 is the day for the Friends- sponsored St. Patrick's Day Event. Amy Boyle Geisel has volunteered to run the family event. Many volunteers are needed for set-up, crafts, face painting, tattoos, and bake sale. Volunteers are also needed for set-up of the St. Patrick's Day concert March 15. Wendy Leine created a Sign-Up Genius for both events which was emailed out with the invitation to this meeting, will be emailed again on March 4, with a final reminder to sign up for the family event to be emailed with the invitation for the March meeting.
- **Proposed Fundraiser:** EM reported that there is no progress with a prospective fundraising collaboration with the Iron Mountain Stage Company. She will keep us updated on any future developments and, as the Library is hosting auditions, MED will call them to find out if they are interested in having us work with them.
- **Proposed Fundraiser:** MED proposed a "Dinner on the Titanic" fundraiser whose premise is based on the three "classes" of Titanic passengers. First, Second and Third class tickets will be sold, with class appropriate meals assigned. A Titanic expert will be hired to talk about Titanic history during the meal. MED will work up pricing for the program; all in attendance were very open to the proposed fundraiser. There was discussion about asking Lakeland Jazz band to play. Cliff Safane volunteered to play music. MED would like to do this during the Summer Reading Program time.

New Business:

- **Jazz Up Comedy show:** Cliff and Penny Safane offered to perform another fundraiser featuring piano music and comedy. The proposal is for September 28, at the end of National Library Sign Up Month, with a cost of \$200. It was proposed that perhaps a pricing for tickets could be based on "Friends with Benefits." All in attendance were open to the proposed fundraiser.

Next Meeting Date Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment: 8:04pm