

FRIENDS OF THE RINGWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2024

7:00 pm at the Library and via ZOOM

NOTES

Call to Order: 7:14pm

Attendance: Wendy Leine, Eileen Manley, Amy Boyle Geisel, Fiona Rose and Library Director Wendy Sandford

Chair's Remarks After some difficulty getting the Zoom link to work, Wendy L welcomed the attendees and said that she planned to introduce an icebreaker type of activity (what's everyone reading?) at the next meeting so that the Friends can also be friends.

Financial Report: Eileen Manley presented a comprehensive report for 2023 and indicated that the current balance as of 2/29/24 is \$23,649.87. This includes income from Liberty Science Center and Cooper Hewitt tickets, plus a donation of \$200.

Remarks from the Director: Wendy Sandford expressed gratitude for the Friends and anticipation that the forecasted bad weather for the parade might bring more people into the Library pre-parade event.

Old Business:

- **St. Patrick's Day Event:** March 23, 2024. WL indicated that we are set for volunteers and food donations. ABG has crafts all set. WL will circulate and try to engage with attendees to encourage them to volunteer/sign up to be part of the Association/Friends. WS organized the remaining merchandise and we will try to sell as much as we possibly can.
- **Proposed Fundraiser:** Iron Mountain Stage Company comedy "Flamingo Court," last weekend in April and first weekend in May. EM still has not heard back from the company so we are assuming they are not interested in partnering with us.
- **Proposed Fundraiser:** "Dinner on the Titanic" library program for families, part of Summer Reading. WS relayed Mary Ellen D'Elia's request to table discussion on this until the next meeting as she is still working on the speaker.
- **Proposed Fundraiser:** Cliff and Penny Safane offered to host another comedy night, possibly September 28th, during National Library Sign Up Month. After some discussion it was decided that WL will reach out to the Safane's and thank them for their enthusiasm and support but ask them to consider waiting until the Spring of 2025 to possibly hold another show.

New Business:

- **Potential Fundraiser/Event:** Hudson Valley Shakespeare Company in Garrison, NY – ABG mentioned attending this educational event with her family and wondered if it might be a possible idea for a future summer/outdoor event or fundraiser for the Friends/Library. She will research it and get details. Possibly in the \$1500-3000 range.
- **New Merchandise:** In the interest of time it was suggested that we table this but then a discussion began and various ideas were shared. WS presented a nice graphic with the Friends tree logo. Cinch sack, lunch box, t-shirts

(geared towards kids?), umbrella, hoodie, brown “Ringwood” bear with a t-shirt with the logo on it, buttons, Crocs jibbitz, etc.

- **Raffle License:** WS mentioned that she and MED think that we should allow the license to lapse as it has not been used since 2017 and we pay for it every other year. The Friends consensus was to let it go. The license is in the Association’s name so WS will take it to the Board.

Next Meeting Date Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment: 8:27pm