

Friends of the Ringwood Public Library
Meeting of February 16, 2023
7:30 PM at the Library and via Zoom

Attendance: Fiona Rose, Wendy Leine, Eileen Manley, Cathie Studwell, Robin Canetti, and library Director Wendy Sandford

Call to Order: WL called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM. In Kristin Calman's absence, Fiona Rose volunteered to take notes.

Chair's Remarks: WL thanks Wendy Sandford and Mary Ellen D'Elia for shout out in the recent newsletter. Also thanks Fiona Rose for setting up MailChimp.

Treasurer's Report: Current bank balance is \$24,291.75, including \$225 from sale of museum passes. Bookkeeper is sending bank statements to EM on a regular basis. One expenditure of \$387.70 for the staff Christmas luncheon. Interest in the amount of \$1.04. EM indicated that the bookkeeper sent the PnL from last year and will send it quarterly going forward to enable her to catch any potential discrepancies.

Remarks from the Director:

- WS indicated that the Library is looking forward to the St. Patrick's event. An art intern from Ramapo College is available to help by organizing crafts (per Amy's requests) and will be the back up face painter in the event that no one signs up for that task. Every effort is being made to have both Maker's Day event and St. Patrick's event upstairs.

Old Business:

- Film Friday - WL addressed a packed room and we got 1 new Friend who is interested in baking. WS will put donation jar out at future events.
- Concert Series in the Spring - first concert is Saturday, **March 11** at 7pm- Shire Rats - a Celtic band with Bluegrass twist. Will need 10-15 volunteers for set up and break down upstairs in main library. Arrive at 6:30 for 7pm start. End between 8:30-9. Free event. Volunteers are welcomed to stay for the performance. FR will send out a Sign up Genius on March 1, along with the Sign up for St. Pat's event.
- e-Printer usage - Library is presenting the pricing scheme to the Board at the next meeting. As such, public has not used it yet but staff has been able to make some nice posters for the Library. EM reminded WS that Friends have not yet received a bill.

New Business:

- Gala - CS has made several attempts to reach someone at Skylands Manor but has not been successful. She would like to book a date. If anyone has a connection to help get a response, please let her know. She will give an outline of job opportunities at the April meeting.
- St. Patrick's Day Pre-Parade Family Event and Library Maker's Day event is **Saturday, March 25**. Set up Friday, March 24 from 4-5pm, although WS indicated that if more time

is needed, we can stay later. Flyer is finished and Sign Up Genius will go out in a MailChimp email on March 1.

- Museum Passes - WS reports that Liberty Science Center passes were bought very quickly. She is making a list of additional local locations to research as patrons have called with requests in the past (Aviation Hall of Fame, Insectopolis, etc.)
- Cabaret Night - EM would like to do it but WL acknowledged the amount of time and effort the event required and suggested we ask the Safanes and the Library if we could do it in the Fall (September), rather than the previously suggested date in April. WS will talk to Safanes and check on Library availability. WS indicated that we could use EventKeeper for registration but discussion was had about pricing and payment. We will revisit these issues if/when a date is selected.
- Book Sale dates: October 9-14. EM will visit some other town book sales to compare pricing and see how they handle the booksellers.
- WL will check the Friends closet for supplies.
- FR suggested changing the time of future meetings to 7:00pm and everyone in attendance agreed. WS will take care of changing Zoom link and meeting room reservations.

Next meeting **Thursday March 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM.**

Adjournment: WL adjourned the meeting at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Fiona Rose, February 16, 2023