

FRIENDS OF THE RINGWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2023
7:00 pm at the Library and via ZOOM

Attendance: Wendy Sandford, Wendy Leine, Fiona Rose, Eileen Manley, Cathie Studwell, Kristin Calman

Call to Order: FR called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM

Financial Report: EM reports that we paid \$5,730 for the poster printer. Income from the St. Patrick's Day event has not yet been deposited. As of March 31, 2023 the balance was \$18,604.07, which reflects the payment for the e-printer. Since March 31, profits include \$340.50 from St. Patrick's Day.

Remarks from the Director: WS thanks everyone for the phenomenal St. Patrick's Day event. Over 600 people visited the library that day, and everyone left with a smile.

Old Business:

- St. Patrick's Day program 3/25 Recap: In addition to above, set-up/clean-up went smoothly and SignUp Genius was successful.

New Business:

- Basket for the REF tricky tray from the library: FR reports that the library donated a prize of Librarian for a Day with a Friends t-shirt, hat and bumper sticker, and a coupon for poster printer.
- National Library Weekend: WS reports that the library will hold a Baby Matching contest (staff baby photos- match for a prize).
- MPLC (Motion Picture Licensing Corporation) Umbrella license renewal funding: License needed for Film Fridays program; Auto-renewed through 5/24/2024 at fee of \$269.63; since Board met before us this month, they were asked to pre-approve our spending decision. This motion passed. EM makes a motion to approve spending \$269.63 for the MPLC Umbrella license, WL seconds, passed unanimously by Friends.
- Frick Museum ticket renewal: Since 2020 the tickets have only been checked out 4 times and the cost to renew is \$200.00 per year. Possible replacement options: Morris Museum, Montclair Art Museum, Newark Museum, or the Sterling Hill Mining Museum in Ogdensburg. WS will look into the cost of the Morris Museum and the Montclair Art Museum.
- Summer reading program funding request from Janet:
 - Big Balloon Show: \$595.00: A very well-attended event last year (50 total) in which Mark Ghia prepared large balloon animals, structures, and scenes related to the summer reading theme, which he will do again this year with the theme, *Balloonity: Twisted Acts of Kindness*. He was engaging, informative, professional and each child left with a balloon. WL moves to approve \$595.00 for the Big Balloon Show, EM seconds, motion passes unanimously. Would it be possible for the balloons to be biodegradable?
 - Stuffed Animal Workshop: \$254.80: A very successful event in which 20 children were able to come to the library to stuff their own animal to take home. The animals last year were related to the summer reading theme (ocean animals). This year Janet would like to do all teddy bears, but different colors and patterns to tie in with the theme of community/we are all different on the outside, but the

same (stuffing) on the inside. Board approved. EM makes a motion to approve \$254.80 for the Stuffed Animal Workshop, FR seconds, passes unanimously.

- End of Summer Reading Program Fiesta: Saturday, Aug. 5. The outdoor concert with Latin flair will correspond with the "All Together Now" theme. At the dog park, Friends have table and sell merch. Volunteers needed to set up chairs & tables, man games and merch table. WS reports that Scott Heck has approved the event. Set-up approx 11am, closing by 3 and over by 4. Ten-piece Latin band comes with all of the equipment. May have to get the stage back that we gave to Cupsaw. Rain or Shine.
- Cabaret Night: FR reports that Safanes accepted the proposed date of September 30, 2023 (National Love People Day), which they propose as the theme. Suggested start time 7:00 PM. Library is available. \$200 program charge approved at last Friends meeting. Closer to date, revisit discussion about pricing/registration/payment (suggested \$10 per person admission, possibly use EventKeeper for registration but would need to collect payment in advance). Will create sign-up genius for 12-15 volunteers for set-up/clean-up. BYOB?
- Book Sale October 9-14: EM asking other libraries about their pricing for comparison. Can discuss timing of book sellers in September.
- Gala: CS reports that there has been no response from Skylands on choosing a date. Nothing additional to report at this time. EM will visit the State Park office to get information. Outline/job opportunities to come at May meeting.

Next Meeting Date Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment at 7:52 PM