

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

NOTES

Call to Order 7:06pm

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

Chair's Remarks: Co-Chair Wendy Leine welcomed attendees. Co-Chair Fiona Rose agreed to take notes in Kristin Calman's absence.

Financial Report: Eileen Manley reported that as of 6/30 the account balance is \$19,243.84. There are a couple of outstanding checks (Montclair Art Museum and Morris Museum).

Remarks from the Director: Director Wendy Sandford reported that the Summer Reading Program was going well and expressed appreciation for the Friends.

Old Business:

- **Museum ticket purchase:** LSC said they didn't receive the check, so Library cancelled and reissued. Morris and Cooper Hewitt requested credit cards so Library paid that way and will get reimbursed. Once the Morris, Montclair and CH tickets are in hand, a decision will be made about the distribution policy.
- **Summer reading program funding request:** Balloon program was most successful of the three with 58 attendees, and we would like to plan to do it again next year so Friends will keep that in mind when discussing our budget. Stuffed Teddy was well attended with 38, and Clay had lowest attendance with 11 but overall, the reviews were very positive.
On a sad note, Miss Janet has submitted her resignation as of August 11.
- **End of Summer Reading Program Fiesta:** Saturday, Aug. 5. WL will create SignUp Genius for volunteers to sell merch, lemonade and distribute water. Donations of water – small water bottles - will need to be delivered by noon on Friday, August 4. FR will print labels and volunteers will attach them to the water bottles. ABG will get igloo cooler from Lakeland Band and make lemonade to be sold for \$1 a cup with cups from WS. ABG will have a cash box. FR will send out Sign Up Genius asap. Tents have been procured from Parties by Porcelli so no help will be needed with set-up, but some help will be needed with clean-up. Town has approved putting a tent on the grass, so ABG recommended asking the town to mow beforehand. People will be invited to bring lawn chairs and lunch; there will be an ice cream truck.
- **"Middle Ground" Tween Area:** WS reported that they are not ordering the racks just yet, rather she is trying to clean up the DVD and CD collections first. WL reported that her son Luke is very interested in helping with the treehouse but can't officially start researching his eagle project until 9/1.
- **Cabaret Night:** September 30th. After much discussion it was decided that we will charge \$12/pp and set up the chairs proscenium style. Attendees will be invited to bring their own snacks and drinks and the Friends will provide punch and cheese platters. There will be a cocktail portion (6:30) before the show starts at 7, as well as an intermission during which time attendees can refresh their drinks, etc. Volunteers will be needed at 5:30 for set-up and breakdown. WS will set up the registration/reservations online, but it was decided that people will need to come to the library to pay and receive a paper ticket that can be handed to someone at the door. FR will make the flyer and possibly the tickets. 90 person limit.
- **Book Sale October 9-14:** EM indicated we will start accepting donations Monday 10/9 between 9-6. Sorting will start on 10/9, continue 10/10 from 9a-8p and morning of 10/11. No donations after noon on 10/11. Sale will run from Thursday 10/12 9a-7p, Friday 10/13 9a-5p, Saturday 10/14 9a-12p with grab bag from 12-1:30 and clean up from 1:30-4.
- **Gala:** Cathie Studwell reported that the Board had some concerns about the idea of a Gala – specifically the capital layout and lack of potential volunteers needed to manage something of this scale. It was suggested to do

something smaller, and with the hopes of keeping the event in Ringwood to look into utilizing one of the lake community clubhouses. CS will reach out to Cupsaw rental manager. Library does have a gaming license (may need to be renewed) so we could offer 50/50 or even tricky tray type items. ABG added that the Board felt if Friends are funding the event all profits should go back to Friends.

New Business:

- ***Cupsaw Lake Artisan Fair:*** Saturday, Nov. 11. We would like to participate again. In the past Eileen has personally covered the (discounted) cost of having a table there. Members in attendance expressed appreciation for her generosity. A suggestion was made that perhaps some young adults who participate in arts/crafts in Library programs would donate their projects to be sold at the table. We can also reserve some books from the Book Sale to sell at the table

Next Meeting Date Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment 8:45pm