

FRIENDS BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2020

Present: Virginia Ambrose, Jane Case, Jack Ganzer, Alice Platt, Paula Ptaszek, Thea Shoep, Mario Verna, Marion Vosburgh

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Revenue as of October is \$4,635, Expenses are \$2201.59. Net balance is \$2,433.58. Marion will follow up with the Board to credit our balance sheet with half of the sidewalk book sale revenue (\$822 if half of total revenue of \$1,644).

Food Trucks: Paula reported that the vendors were happy with this season's results and are interested in coming back next year probably starting after Memorial Day. The vendor of Japanese food has asked if they could come once a week in January and use the Community Room. After discussing the pros and cons it was decided to get the opinion of the library board before making a decision.

Food Pantry: We are continuing to collect donations for a food pantry. Weekly deliveries will be made from the library to the Claverack Town Hall.

Logo: A discussion was held regarding the desirability of having a separate logo for the FRIENDS. Some groups do and some do not. Arthur King, a designer has been contacted and is interested in doing the design. He would charge approximately \$1,000. This will be explored further before a final decision is made.

Holiday Fair: A book sale including several vendors will be held Nov. 18, Nov. 20 and Nov. 21 in the Community Room.. Volunteers are needed to staff the event. A maximum of 20 people will be allowed in the room at any one time. Vendors will be charged a fee of \$50 and a percentage of their sales, the latter to be determined on an individual basis.

Year End Letters/Membership: Letters planned to be mailed before Thanksgiving with Jenny and Mario signing.

2021 Wish List:

Jane suggested creating laminated cards containing information on how to use the technology available in the library, e.g.; Kanopy etc. These could possibly be part of the welcome kit.

Kanopy - will not be funded by the FRIENDS

Museum Passes will not cost the library due to a grant and an arrangement with the Philmont library.

Hoopla also will not be an expense. It will be funded by a grant from the Berkshire

Taconic Community Foundation.

Battle of the Books - Funding in the amount of \$500 is requested from the FRIENDS.

Jr. Engineering - Will most likely be funded by M&E Engineering.

Welcome to the Library - It was suggested Welcome kits be created for new patrons

New Years Basket Raffle - It was suggested that items from local sellers be collected for a basket to raffle.

Laptop - Thea suggested that a new up to date laptop and scanner for use at the circulation desk would be very helpful to the staff. Cost probably about \$1100.

NEXT MEETING will be December 14, 2020.