

FRIENDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2021

Present: Dave, Baylen, Mame Bradley, Jane Case, Alice Platt, Paula Ptaszek, Mario Verna, Mary Elizabeth Vincent, Marion Vosburgh

Minutes: The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Vosburgh reported the following for 2021, Income \$4471, Expenses \$3990, Balance \$10,816.

Community Conversations: Mame Bradley reported on a series of conversations being held with members of the community about how they feel about their community, This is a program sponsored by the Mid-Hudson Library Assoc. Bradley asked the same general question of those present which is - how do you feel about your community and how do you wish it might be better. Briefly summarized, the answers were that fostering closer relationships between people would be beneficial and physical improvements such as sidewalks and trails would also be good.

Events Committee: Ptaszek reported that the Food Trucks program was very successful, and is appreciated by the vendors and the community. Regarding the food pantry, signs will be placed on a regular basis indicating what foods are particularly needed.

Membership Committee: Case and Verna reported they are continuing to work on updating the list of FRIENDS, indicating which people are active volunteers and which are financial supporters only. Case said she has sent out some letters reminding people it is time to pay their annual dues.

Wish List: The details of installing bike racks and a bike repair station are being investigated. Ptaszek had previously suggested that letters be sent to local businesses to ask for their support of these projects. This idea will be presented to the library Board at their meeting tomorrow.

The purchase of another picnic table was again discussed and will be investigated further. The table will probably be metal. It was noted that the current table is much used and has held up very well.

Fall Book Sale: The sale is tentatively scheduled for Oct 8-10 but is dependent upon the covid situation and the availability of volunteers. In the meantime the people who responded to the requests for volunteers have been put on a spread sheet and will be contacted to determine if they are still interested in volunteering and to what extent. Books are continual being sorted and it is anticipated that the current books in house will all be sorted in the next couple of weeks. If that is the case we will begin accepting new donations Sept 1.

Hannaford Clynk Program: _Baylen reported that the Clynk bags are now at the circulation desk and are given to patrons who are interested. The bags cost the library \$20 per 100. People who currently have a personal Clynk account can switch it to the library if they so desire.

Bulletin and/or Black Boards: Ptaszek suggested that a black board be placed near the circulation desk for use in communicating about activities. This prompted discussion of having two boards, one for outdoors for occasional use and one for permanent use inside. This will be further pursued.

Next Meeting; Monday September 13, 2021 at 7PM.