FRIENDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 12, 2021
MEETING BY ZOOM

Present:  David Baylen, Jane Case, Jack Gantzer, Alice Platt, Paula Ptaszek, Thea Schoep, Mario Verna, Marion Vosburgh, Mary Elizabeth Vincent

Minutes: The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurers’s Report: Vosburgh reported that the current balance is $10,949. $50 in donations have been received since the last report. There is $80 in petty cash which is funded via the library budget.

Communications Committee: It was agreed that tote bags with the FRIENDS logo would be a good contribution to the Welcome Package. There are currently a number of bags in storage that have the Library logo. These will be examined to see if 1) they have the old or the current web address 2) if it would be possible to print the FRIENDS logo on the opposite side. If the old bags cannot be used then new bags will be ordered, quantity and cost to be determined.

Raffle Baskets: We now have three baskets each valued at over $600. They will go on display tomorrow at the library. Flyers to advertise the baskets will be printed and distributed and tickets will be created. Ptaszek, Baylen and Verna will meet to determine details of the flyers and tickets. The drawing will be July 9. Ptaszek was thanked for the tremendous amount of work she has done to make the raffle possible.

Food Trucks: Food trucks will be on Wednesdays starting May 5 running through October 27. The first truck will be This and That. Ptaszek reported that dates have been secured for the entire season.

Book Sales: It was agreed in a previous meeting that themed small book sales (one category of books) would be held every Saturday. Current thinking is to hold the sales in the Teen room opening the overhead door and making the books visible to the outside. Further thought will be given to this as the logistics may be difficult. Vosburgh noted that NY State requires sales tax be charged if an organization has more than two sales per year. The definition of what constitutes a sale must be given further consideration.

Food Pantry: We continue to collect food for the food pantry, however, donations have declined while the need is still great. Reminders will be sent about this.

Membership Committee: Gantzer sent to members of the Executive Committee three lists related to membership. Gantzer, Vincent, Baylen and Verna will meet to further refine this effort to keep track of members and donations. It was again pointed out that some people donate to the FRIENDS but do not want to be members. It was agreed that the annual drive to recruit new members will be in October.
CFL Wish List: Battle of the Books remains on the list at $500 and an iPad at $400. Rack cards will be deleted for the time being.

Little Free Library: Baylen reported that the registration of the libraries is complete, the placards are on order and will be installed when they arrive.

Next Meeting: Will be Monday May 10 at 7PM via Zoom.