

November 20, 2019 Minutes of the Board of the Friends of Brooks Memorial Library

Present: Joyce Marcel, Betsy Wagenknecht, John Komar, Connie Kimball, Sue Dyer, Karen Duggan, Courtney Carey (for the library), Howard Burroughs (for the Trustees)

The meeting was called to order at 4:35pm.

The minutes were accepted as written.

The treasurer's report was accepted and will be filed for audit. As of October 31, 2019, our treasury balance was \$30,086.12.

Connie had previously suggested we look at the automatic renewals for memberships and subscriptions that we fund. We agreed to automatically renew most memberships, except for the Clemons Farm pass, Kanopy and Candid (formerly Foundation Center). We will consider these on an annual basis, as Clemons is least used, and the others are quite costly. Connie also asked if these memberships and passes are becoming an essential service of the library.

The brunch was a success!

There was a glitch in the printing of the Annual Appeal letter, but Joyce hopes it will be sent soon.

Plans are going well for the Book Sale. Courtney has some volunteers and is soliciting others, and we are getting book donations. We will have the basket raffle, too, beginning on December 1st; tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Betsy has books and baskets for board members to fill. The sale runs from Thursday, December 12th at 10am to Saturday, December 14th at 2pm.

We talked about the possibility of a summer bus trip to historic homes in the Berkshires, with Jerry Carbone as a tour guide, as a fundraiser for the Friends. We will discuss this further in the new year.

Courtney presented requests for \$200 for the December Holly Jolly Crafts in the Children's Room and \$160 to fund 8 hours of writing workshops with Barbara Morrison. Both requests were approved.

Howard shared that the Fine Arts Committee would like to purchase the 11 Terry Carter murals (of the back of Brattleboro) that have previously been on display. We suggested he make her an offer of \$100 each and come back to us if he would like us to consider sharing the cost. The Committee is working on archiving documents and is working to organize the Fine Arts room.

Howard also offered to put us in touch with some other, regional Friends organizations.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Duggan