

**Friends of Brooks Memorial Library**  
**Board Meeting Minutes, June 16, 2021**  
at Select Board Meeting Room

Present: Joyce Marcel, Sharon Myers, Connie Kimball, Amity DeAngelis, Sue Dyer, Jenny Rowe of the Trustees, Starr Latronica and guest Victoria Chertok

Absent: Kevin O'Keefe

Joyce called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

**Treasury**

Connie presented the financial report:

- Beginning balance: \$45,304.57
- Income: \$584.60 (\$140 annual appeal; \$296.90 book sales; \$132.36 donations, interest of \$15.34)
- Expenses: \$3,261.05 (Children's Room: \$246.05; Library Services: \$2,495; museum pass: \$520)
- Balance as of end of May: \$42,628.12

Sharon moved that the financial report be accepted and filed for audit, seconded by Joyce and so voted.

**Board resignation**

Joyce reported that Cindy Hutchinson has resigned due to Hospice commitment at this time. It is with great regret we accept her resignation.

**Foundation Center**

Discussed Foundation Center usage. Perhaps a feature in the local newspaper would raise awareness?

**First Wednesdays**

Discussed sliding scale. We will list Friends as sponsor (\$2,500 donation). Joyce and Sharon will work on fundraising letter. Zoom call re fundraising: Louise Penny guest?

**Ice Cream Social**

August 19 (rain date Sept. 2), 4-6 pm, at Memorial Park. Maybe Co-op would donate with publicity? What to charge? Joyce will call Kevin re update.

**Garden Party**

August 7, 2-5 pm; Joyce and Sharon will work on it. Sharon will host party at her home and supply paper products; the board will bake. Charge sliding scale beginning at \$20.

**Book Sales**

October 14-15-16, during Literary Festival. Kevin will organize with Betsy's help.  
December: small book sale with quality books and raffle.

**Scarecrow Project**

Next spring: Amity and Starr will discuss.

**Starr**

- Courtney's replacement: 26 applicants; 6 chosen for interview, last week in June.
- Museum passes are expiring; give to Connie for payment.
- Received another donation for annual appeal; give to Bob Oeser.
- Opening up library: wear mask; 10-5 daily except Wed. open til 8
- Summer Reading starting up
- VT Natural History visit: barn owl and hawk attracted many visitors.
- books made into objects: upcoming project
- Requests: Robin Morgan at library: program on Commons for 7 weeks (June 29 - August 7) at 10:30. Cost \$315. Sharon moved acceptance of request, seconded by Sue and so voted.
- Support and appreciation for Starr's guiding library and community through pandemic.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Dyer  
Acting Secretary