

Friends of the Brooks Memorial Library

Board Meeting Minutes - Sept. 15, 2021

Present

Board Members: Joyce Marcel, Sue Dyer, Connie Kimball, Kevin O'Keefe, and Amity DeAngelis; Karen Duggan and Sharon Myers absent

Library: Starr LaTronica, Director; Jeni Clary, Circulation Manager; Gabe Pofcher, VISTA AmeriCorps; Karen Tyler, Trustee

Joyce called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm.

Following a review of the minutes of the August meeting, Sue moved approval, seconded by Joyce and so voted.

Treasurer's report (Connie)

Sue moved the Treasurer's report for 9/15/21 be filed for audit, seconded by Kevin and so voted.

VT Humanities Council

First Wednesdays will be virtual until the end of the calendar year, to be reassessed in January. Connie will pay the \$2,500 we have previously approved for the 2021-2022 series.

New board member: Diane Layne

Fundraisers

- **Ice cream social**

75 attended, including many young families.

The weather was good, and the outdoor games with the inflatable were a big hit.

The event began with 18 gallons of ice cream; 10 remained for future use, some of which was sold after the Bernie event on the Common.

Thanks to Rec Dept and Kiwanis for their support. Voted to reimburse Kevin \$100 for his expenses.

- **Garden party**

Excellent community participation.

Revenues: approx. \$3,400 (approx. \$400 through ticket sales, plus \$3,000 to the Friends from one donor)

Expenses: \$171.20 (tables and linens from Rentals Plus)

- **Book sale**

Following discussion, determined to hold sale Nov. 18-20.

Will put note in newsletter that folks can now bring in book donations for the sale.

Thanks to Amity for clearing out the storage room.

Mary Ide has volunteered to sort.

Discussed whether the 313 special books (including some first editions) that have been

donated to us, some of which are valued at \$600 each, should be sold on Amazon vs. having a special table at the sale to feature them.

Publicity

Discussed having tattoo or bumper stickers to give out. New volunteers would be needed to set it up; decided to recruit some teens to help.

Merchandise

Craft people to make greeting cards, to be sold in packs of 5. Starr will ask the artist about possible donation of the original art for the Children's Room.

Library report

- 2 job openings: Main Room (20 hrs.) and Children's Room (15 hrs.)
- COVID precautions have worked well.
- Jeni is working on new library cards and the renewal reminder.
- Microscope: voted to approve the purchase of one for \$30. Sue moved having a hook into phones, seconded by Connie and so voted.
- Adobe Suite including graphics editor: \$240 for first year. Kevin moved, Connie seconded and so voted.
- Foundation Center: very helpful for folks applying for grants.
- Katherine Paterson, young people's author, will give a talk at the Centre Congregational Church on November 12. Starr suggested that the Friends purchase 50 copies of her newest book (*Birdie's Bargain*) from Everyone's Books to give away at the event, but a decision on that has been tabled for next month's meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Susan Dyer, Acting Secretary