

Friends of Brooks Memorial Library
Minutes of Board Meeting, April 20, 2022, via Zoom

Participants: Joyce Marcel, Connie Kimball, Sharon Myers, Sue Dyer, Karen Duggan, Betsy Wagenknecht (guest), Kate O'Connor (for the Trustees) and Starr Latronica (for the library)

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 pm.

The March 16th minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was accepted and will be filed for audit. Our treasury balance as of March 31, 2022, was \$57,847.35.

Connie reported that she bought a \$10,000 I-bond in mid-April. She expects that the interest rate as of May 1st will be 9.62%.

President's Report

Joyce reported that all our donated books are cleared out and went to the New England Auction. Unfortunately, the auctioneer believes we will only get between \$300 and \$500 for them all. We do have a signed copy of a Robert Frost book, and we will ask Ken Gloss to value it when he comes in May. Our Amazon account is now closed.

Joyce mentioned that she is going to moderate a panel discussion (sponsored by Vermont Independent Media) about the impact of Covid on non-profit groups.

Board's Future

Karen reported that she and Sue may take on the role of Board Co-Presidents, unless someone else would like to lead. Joyce has written a concise and informative list of the president's responsibilities; email her for that list if you are at all interested.

Diane has graciously offered to serve as Secretary.

The slate of officers will be finalized before our Annual Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, May 18th, 4:30 pm, via Zoom. We will send out a link via the weekly email and post it on our website and on Facebook.

We would like to recruit new board members. Betsy suggested to Joyce that she send an invitation to Friends via our email list. Sue and Karen suggested that we each consider reaching out personally to people we know who might be interested. Betsy also suggested we consider evening meetings, to accommodate those who have day jobs. We will discuss all these things at our June meeting.

Library's Reports

Starr announced:

- Ken Gloss will be at the Library on May 24th, 6:30pm, for an Antiques Roadshow-type book event.
- The tool shed is up and will be weatherized soon. The tools have arrived.
- The Trustees have worked on their Strategic Plan and will soon send out a survey for community input. Starr encouraged us to take part and share the link with groups we may know, as the Trustees would like a broad response.
- The Launch Pads have arrived at the Children's Room.
- There were no current requests, though Starr is researching the purchase of both a disc golf set and a portable speaker.

Jeanne joined our meeting to let us know that she got us a bronze-level “Seal of Transparency” from Candid, credentials which include our mission and our contact information shared with those looking at non-profit groups.

Kate and Starr will represent the Library at the Brattleboro Earth Day Celebration on Friday, April 22nd.

Congratulations to Sue Dyer on her retirement (this week)!

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Duggan