

## Friends of the Brooks Memorial Library

Board Meeting, September 21, 2022

Present: Karen Duggan, Sue Dyer, Kevin O'Keefe, and Janice Stockman (new board member);  
Starr LaTronica and Jeni Clary (library)

Meeting was called to order at 4:34 pm.

Minutes of August meeting, submitted by Diane Leary to the Board by email, were accepted.

### **Treasurer's Report** (Connie Kimball)

- Opening balance (8/1/22): \$57,408.38
- Income: \$1,193; Expenses: \$2,150 (See Connie's report for details.)
- Closing balance (8/31/22): \$56, 215.79

### **Presidents' Report**

- Ice Cream Social (Kevin)

Kevin recommended that, in the future, the Ice Cream Social not be scheduled on the same day as Gallery Walk and that we should consider holding it on the Brattleboro Common.

Donations came to \$163.58. Connie reported that Hannaford donated \$32 through their Banquet Program.

Leftovers were donated to the Fire Department.

Thank-yous were sent to Karen's friend (for the Ben & Jerry's coupons), to Market 32 (for the ice cream cones), and to the Co-op (for the ice cream).

- First Wednesdays (Connie)

The update will be on our October agenda. Our contribution will be paid now. The first talk will be held on October 5. The talks in the first three months of 2023 will be held via Zoom (a statewide decision).

- Book Sale (Jeni and Karen)

Jeni will:

- send out a notice that the library is now accepting donations, including updated guidelines
- post the sale on Instagram and Facebook
- send a blurb with graphics to Greg Lesch at the Brattleboro Chamber of Commerce
- create a schedule for volunteers to assist with the sorting. Mary Ide and Terese Marcy will be assisting with sorting. The board will also need help moving boxes prior to the November 25<sup>th</sup> start of the sale (to continue through the holidays).

All board members are encouraged to create a themed basket for the Basket Raffle.

- Annual Appeal

The appeal letter will be printed in October and sent out in November.

### **Library Report** (Starr)

- Starr described the recent Trustees Community Information meetings led by Leo Schiff. Topics included the library's weekly newsletter, book groups, after-school programs, and book delivery services.

- Jeni has updated the library's registration form, including topics on how to request a new book and how to be included on a mailing list. Special thanks to her for the hard work on this.
- Starr addressed events both inside and outside the library. She shared that visitors to the library are increasingly interested in talking and asking deeper questions than was true in the past.
- Staff requests for funding will be made via email due to an absence of a quorum at this meeting. (In addition to the absence of three board members, two others had to leave the meeting early.)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Submitted by Diane Leary (via Sue Dyer's notes)