

Friends of Brooks Memorial Library
Board Meeting, October 19, 2022, in person and via Zoom

Attending

in person: Karen Duggan, Sue Dyer, Janice Stockman, Connie Kimball, Amity DeAngelis;
Starr Latronica and Jeni Clarey (library), Joyce Sullivan (library trustee)
via Zoom: Sharon Myers, Kevin O'Keefe

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

The minutes of the September meeting (typed by Diane from Sue's written notes) were accepted after adding the adjournment time (5:40 pm).

Treasurer's Report (Connie - see separate report for details)

Opening balance (9/1/22): \$56, 215.79

Closing balance (9/30/22): \$54, 024.61

The report was accepted.

Presidents' Report (Sue and Karen)

- Gallery Walks

Gallery walks will be held indoors in November and December. A venue still needs to be found for the library. The Book Sale will be promoted at the events. Any themed baskets that are ready for the December event will be on display, and raffle tickets will be available. (Patrons can choose the basket they would like.)

Starr will send out an email if the library needs volunteers for the Gallery Walks.

- Out-of-town Board Member

Kevin O'Keefe will be traveling from Thanksgiving to early April. He may bring back a gift to use as a prize in our spring fundraiser.

- First Wednesdays (Starr and Sharon)

The September talk (on Miles Davis, presented by Rubin Jackson) was attended by fifty people.

The November talk featured cartoonists who express stories through graphics.

Local businesses have donated a total of \$1,700 to fund this monthly series.

Book Sale Update (Jeni and Karen)

Books are being sorted as they come in. Jeni arranged for a place to store packed boxes in the Municipal Center. She will advertise the sale (and ask for book donations) on Facebook.

Terese Marcy and Mary Ide will help with the sale, and Jeni will send out an email with time slots for additional volunteers.

Annual Appeal (Sue)

Library trustees are helping compose the appeal letter. If board members are needed to help with the mailing, Starr will send an email.

Library Report and Requests (Starr)

- Halloween

The library will be open and giving out candy on Halloween. Starr will send out an email requesting volunteers to help. Someone who can play a spooky organ is also needed. Starr's request for \$200 for candy was approved.

- **Teens Room**
Chloe Jones, the Children's Room librarian, holds a monthly program for teens (e.g., Games Night). Her request for \$2,500 to cover a year of snacks was approved.
- **Parenting for Social Justice Workshop**
This program, led by one of the authors of *Parenting 4 Social Justice*, will run for 10 months, and 17 people have signed up. The group's request for \$750 was approved.
- **Design-a-Plate Program**
This program has been running for over 30 years. The plate company charges \$8 a plate, plus shipping, and they no longer give a discount. The library used to charge \$6 a plate, but in 2020 that fee was changed to pay-what-you-can. The result this year is a \$1,219 shortfall. Starr's request for \$1,000 was approved.
- **Vermont Children's Museum Pass**
Jeni reported that a patron has requested that the library purchase a yearly pass to the Vermont Children's Museum. The \$250 request was approved.

Other Business

A friend of Diane's is considering joining the board. She will be attending our November meeting as a guest.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Submitted by Diane Leary, Secretary
(based on Janice Stockman's notes, per Diane's email of 12/19/2022)