

Friends of the Brooks Memorial Library Board Meeting

Date: 5/15/24

In attendance: S. LaTronica, K. Duggan, S. Dyer, C. Cline, D. Leary, C. Kimball, A. Whiting, S. Myers

Guest: (Trustee) Ann Varrilly

1. Call to order: @ 4:36

2. Recognition of guests for the Annual Meeting: Severia Drake (local bookstore owner), Howard Burrows, and Lindsay Belleville

Howard (representing the Compassionate Brattleboro organization) awarded the library staff for the work they do. They have not decided what form the recognition will take. A suggestion was made that there be an event to honor the staff.

3. Secretary's Report : the Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and accepted. A correction to the dates of the balances on the monthly treasurer's report will be made .

4. Treasurer's Report: Dayle (see separate report for details)

Opening Balance April 1 : \$ 84, 659.06

Closing Balance April 30: \$ 83, 647.21

5. Budget Vote: the proposed budget was reviewed and passed.

6. Presidents' Report: Karen and Sue

Thanks to :

Connie C. for getting the card sleeves made.

Amanda for formatting the sleeve.

The current officers will remain the same for the coming year.

The Friends of the Brooks Memorial Library website is being updated.

7. Update on the Dessert evening - "Brooks in Bloom" 5/17/24 6:30-8:00

Seed packets and bookmarks will be handed out.

Members should arrive at 5:00 to help with the set up.

Amanda has procured Sunflowers for Ukraine packets.

Sue procured seed packets from Agway.

Please bring flowers and vases for the tables.

A donation box will be set up.

8. Update on the Garden party: Sunday, June 3

Ticket costs (the same as last year): \$25 for 1, 2 for \$40

Two sisters from Peterborough, NH who own the Meshugenah Hat Company will set up a booth to sell their hats. They will donate 10% of their takings to the Friends.

They will also donate 1 hat for a raffle prize.

Local flower centers will be asked to donate gift certificates.

Members will bring a savory and a dessert.

9. Library report : Starr

There will be a Jane Southworth celebration at the Marina on Saturday, May 18 2-4 .

The library staff is in the process of developing the Adult Summer Reading Program for June.

The Next Stage in Putney donated 3 Bandwagon Series passes (for 2 people).

129 Museum passes have been checked out this year.

Requests:

Chloe requested 2 new book display units at a cost of \$4,070 which includes S & H. and Button Maker supplies for \$132.85.

Lindsey requested \$295 for a display case and \$479.23 for 3 mini Yota Players.

Starr requested \$5,000 for downloadable magazines from Overdrive.

The total of \$9,977.08 was approved.

10. Other Business: Connie C. and Connie K. will form a committee to look at ways to spend some of our funds (programs, etc.). They will meet with Starr.

11. Meeting adjourned at 5:41

Submitted by Diane Leary, Secretary