

Friends of the Brooks Memorial Library Board Meeting

Date: 9/18/24

In attendance: K. Duggan, S. LaTronika, , S. Dyer, J. Stockman, C. Kimball, C. Cline ,D. Leary, D. Doiron , S. Myers, A. Whiting, T. O'Brien (new staff member), Severia Drake (guest)

Guest: Margaret Atkinson (Trustee)

Call to order: @ 4:32

1. Minutes of June and August meetings (there was no July meeting): reviewed and accepted

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

Opening Balance on 8/1/24: \$ 73,473.11

Closing Balance on 8/31/24: \$ 72,651.43

Dayle moved \$5,000 from our Fidelity account to our checking account as funds got too low.

Report was accepted and filed after 2 small corrections.

3. Presidents' Report: Karen and Sue

. Thanks to everyone for making the Ice Cream Social event a success.

. thanks to Amanda and Tara for greeting people

. and to Amanda for renewing cards and signing up new patrons

. next year we will revisit whether we need to get ice as it was not used this year

Annual Appeal Letter: Sue and Karen will aim to get it out in November.

4. Connie and Connie update: purchasing snacks for the staff has been approved through November. Connie K. recently went to Deals and Steals in Northampton to buy them.

5. Website Update: Connie K. met with Matt.

. He has replaced the previous book donation page with a revised one.

. He deleted the monetary donations statement .

. The Book Sale poster was placed on the front page.

. We will place our Annual Appeal letter on the website.

. Under the category of "What we do" it was suggested we revise this as a list rather than a narrative (give feedback to Janice and Connie by Oct. 2)

6. Booksale Plans:

.Books will be accepted from Oct. 1-Nov. 14

. Amanda has asked for volunteers from New Chapter to set up the sale

. Amanda will send out a sign up schedule to person the desk during the sale

. Members who pack boxes should alphabetize the books to make it easier during the shelf set up

.Raffle: each member will create a themed basket (we may try to count raffle

ticket purchases to assess how much money we take in from this part of the sale)

7. Library report and requests: Starr

- . Starr introduced Tara O'Brien as the new Outreach Programmer
- . Oct. 19 is a National Day of Action to oppose book bans
- . NECCA has a grant for circus skills for seniors to be taught at the library (open to all ages). These classes will be held the 2nd and 4th Saturdays in Oct. and Nov.
- . Oct. 16 : Rob Mermin will give a talk and host a book launch
- . Tara announced "National Friends of the Library" Week Oct. 20-Oct. 26
- . in a previous year "Friends" stickers were placed on items we purchased to celebrate this week
- . a decision was made to postpone a celebration of the week until next year (when we have more time)

.Requests:

.Children's Room:

- .\$600 for Robin Morgan's Fall program held on Thurs. mornings
- \$70 to replace the DVD player

\$250 to run a full page ad in the Brattleboro Literary Festival program

Total: \$920

All were approved.

8. Other: No new business

Meeting adjourned at 5:45

Submitted by Diane Leary, Secretary