

Friends of the Berwyn Public Library Board Meeting

Draft for March 11, 2013

Attendees:

Phyllis Walden, President
Susan Greenberg, Treasurer
Lois Hummel, Secretary
Karen DeCraene, Membership
Sue Stopka, Hospitality Coordinator
Jerry Hill, Book Sales Coordinator
Becky Spratford, Library Liaison
Don Gracanin, Guest

Absentees:

Mary Peranteau, Vice President

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am.

Comments on items on the Agenda ----- Action Item

Karen DeCraene motioned to accept the agenda and Jerry Hill seconded the motion. The motion and agenda were unanimously accepted.

Communication

The newsletter went out with the announcement of the April 19th Annual Meeting and the survey. There has been a positive response to both.

Since the Friends have become part of the home page slide show, there have been more hits on the Friends location. The Friends will continue to be a part of the slide show.

Minutes of the 02/11/2013 Board Meeting ----- Action Item.

Jerry Hill moved to accept the minutes and Karen DeCraene seconded the motion. The vote to accept was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report:

The ending balance for February 2013 was \$4,080.33. Lois Hummel motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Karen DeCraene seconded the motion and it passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Karen DeCraene and Lois Hummel will conduct an audit before the May Board meeting.

Funding Requests – Action Items:

Youth Services (YS) submitted a revised request for \$482.55 for El Dia De Los Libros/Ninos event. YS would like to provide a free book for up to 60 children in attendance. The books are 25 copies of "Book Fiesta" (\$13.13 each), 10 copies of "La Leccion de August" (\$10.98 each) and 10 copies of "First Words" (\$4.45 each). After some discussion about the cost of the books and finding them about \$1 cheaper on Amazon, Lois Hummel

motioned to approve the request for up to \$482.55 with a caveat to investigate purchasing them for less. Jerry Hill seconded the motion. It passed on a roll call vote with two (2) nays.

Young Adults submitted a request for \$250 to purchase material for a Teen health section. Susan Greenberg motioned to approve the request and Karen DeCraene seconded the motion. It passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Reference Department provided a list of the books that were purchased with funds that were approved at the February 11th meeting.

Trivia night was snowed out in March, so it will not have to spend as much as was approved for this year.

Membership Report:

There were four (4) renewals in February.

Book Sales and Depot Book Exchange:

Becky Spratford has been putting better quality books aside for the Member's Only Book Sale on April 19th. It was agreed to raise the price on coffee table books.

Jerry Hill will report his findings on book prices at other libraries at the next Board meeting.

The book exchange at the Oak Park train depot is being well used; however, more books are taken than left. In the future we may only restock with paperbacks.

Program Chair:

Things are progressing well for the April 19th Annual Meeting.

Hospitality:

Refreshments for the Annual Meeting were discussed. Phyllis Walden expressed a desire to have better quality than the usual cookies. Since, we are not paying for a program this seemed appropriate.

Unfinished Business:

We would not be able to hang a banner above the sale books in the foyer. Therefore, it was discussed to have a permanent plaque like the ones up in the rest of the Library. Becky Spratford will check out the cost.

Lois Hummel suggested having a contest to design a Friends' logo. This could either be children 10-18 or from the membership. This logo then could be printed on signs for the Metro Station and one for other events.

New Business:

Election of Officers: The revised by-laws revisions call for two (2) Board members to be elected for a three (3) year term at the Annual meeting. Lois Hummel and Karen DeCraene agreed to have their names put up for a three year term to be approved at the April 19th meeting. The rest of the Board agreed to be nominated for one year terms in order to phase in the three (3) year staggered terms. This will also be voted upon at the Annual meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Survey: There have been 19 surveys completed in just over a week. The results are informative. To date, those who are members most learn about us through library staff and those who are not either did not know anything about us or how to join.

The Fairy Tale Ball is June 21, 2013 from 6pm to 9pm. Volunteers should contact Jose.

Annual Meeting: Phyllis Walden emphasized the importance of the Board members to attend. If we do not have a quorum we will not be able to conduct business. Everyone stated that at this time they will be in attendance. The Library will close at 5pm and the doors will reopen from 6 to 7 pm. for Friends members. The program will begin at 7 pm. Board members can come before 5 to help set up.

Library Board of Trustees: Phyllis Walden learned that she did not miss the January meeting as it had not been scheduled. She did make the February meeting.

COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Susan Greenberg wished to go on record to object to last month's approval of the reusable plastic bags.

Jerry Hill motioned to adjourn the meeting and Karen DeCraene seconded the motion.

The next meeting is May 13, 2013.

Respectfully submitted by Lois E. Hummel, Secretary