

FRIENDS OF THE VICTOR FARMINGTON LIBRARY

August 2, 2023 Members Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Patty Bascomb, Rebecca Donovan, Cassie Jones, Debbie Keeley, Jess Pritchard, Maureen Krenzer, Tim Niver

Call to order: President Patty Bascomb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of June 7, 2023 Minutes: Cassie Jones moved to approve the June 7, 2023 minutes. Debbie Keeley seconded, and the motion was carried. There was no meeting in July.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Donovan presented the report for April 1 through July 27, 2023 in Marian's absence. Rebecca noted that the Friends had donated \$4,820.63 in Matching Funds for the Annual Appeal, leaving \$740.37 for Library Wishes. The Friends purchased a folding table and a tablecloth with the Friends logo to use at events. Rebecca reported that the Friends are now required to register as a charity with NYS, having exceeded \$25,000 in donations in 2023. Maureen Krenzer moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Tim Niver seconded, and the motion was carried.

Reports:

- Debbie Keeley reported 51 paid memberships, including 2 new members.
- Cassie Jones reported that Eastview Mall is happy to have the Fall Book Sale at Eastview, but is not yet able to commit to a specific location. Once the location is determined, Cassie will publicize dates for used book drop-offs. Cassie hopes to form a Book Sale Committee and distributed a form describing areas of need. She will distribute the form again at the September members' meeting.
- Cassie reported that the Teen Friends group will decorate the Library for September. The group suggested a "Back to School" storytime for kids; Cassie will contact Krystina Dippel and Whitney Whitfield to discuss the possibility.

Old Business:

- Patty Bascomb spoke about the importance of volunteers bringing awareness of the Friends and the Library to our community. Volunteers are still needed for Tacos, Trails and Ales in August and September.
- Upcoming events in September include Hometown Day (Sept 9th) and Climb Aboard Victor (Sept 16th). Tim Niver reported that Library will be open during Hometown Day, and will be giving away books and offering an arts and crafts activity for Climb Aboard Victor. Discussion followed on how the Friends might participate.

New Business:

- The purchase of a Polaroid camera for photos of children getting their first library card was discussed. Questions were raised about release forms, and tabled for further discussion.
- Discussion was held on adding a line item for miscellaneous purchases, other than Book Sales supplies, and tabled for further discussion.
- Members went around the table, describing their background, interests, and what brought them to the Friends.

Next Members Meeting: September 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Library Malone Room

Meeting adjourned by President Patty Bascomb at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Donovan, Secretary