

FRIENDS OF THE VICTOR FARMINGTON LIBRARY

November 1, 2023 Members Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Patty Bascomb, Marian Norton, Kathy Jewsbury, Rebecca Donovan, Corey Klein, Barbara Giuliano, Carol Commisso, Dawn Adams, Carol Thornton, Maureen Krenzer

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

Approval of October 4, 2023 Minutes: Carol Thornton moved to approve the October 4, 2023 minutes. Corey Klein seconded, and the motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: Marian Norton shared the report for April 1 through November 1, 2023, showing a checking account balance of \$4,442.32 which included income and expenses from the Fall Book Sale. Rebecca Donovan moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Maureen Krenzer seconded, and the motion was carried.

Reports:

- Patty Bascomb reported that paid memberships remain at 54, with no new memberships this past month.
- As Tim Niver was away at a NYLA conference, Patty Bascomb read his report which included the completion of the east wing renovation, and a well-attended ribbon cutting ceremony on October 23rd. Tim noted that considerable planning is needed prior to renovating the rest of the library, with fundraising and grants at the forefront. Tim congratulated the Friends on the success of the Fall Book Sale, with thanks for all that the Friends do for the Library.
- Carol Thornton and Corey Klein reported that collecting went well for the Fall Book Sale. Once again, student volunteers from the high school were exceptionally helpful during the move to the Mall. We had several new volunteers for this sale, and all worked well together. Booksellers we worked with last year were unable to attend, affecting sales volume, but overall sales were over \$4,300. After the sale, Carol arranged with several other libraries and Rotary to take the leftover books. A big thank you to all volunteers!

Old Business:

- Discussion was held on the frequency of membership meetings. It was decided to keep the current schedule. For December, it was agreed to hold a brief business meeting, followed by a holiday social gathering. Members are encouraged to bring holiday treats to share.

New Business:

- Patty Bascomb noted that Friends' officers will be elected (or re-elected) at the annual meeting in March 2024. There is an opening for a new Secretary, as Rebecca Donovan will be taking the Treasurer position when Marion Norton retires. Anyone who is interested in an officer position should notify the Executive Board by February 2024.
- Discussion was held regarding obtaining year-round storage for Friends' supplies and equipment, as well as collecting space for future book sales. Options will continue to be pursued for future discussion.
- A sign-up sheet was passed for Jingle Mingle volunteers on December 2nd from 2-6pm.

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

Meeting adjourned by President Patty Bascomb at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Donovan, Secretary