

FRIENDS OF THE VICTOR FARMINGTON LIBRARY

March 6, 2024 Members Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Patty Bascomb, Marian Norton, Rebecca Donovan, Debbie Keeley, Corey Klein, Bea Parker, Dawn Adams, Tim Niver, Barbara Giuliano, Cassie Jones, Jess Pritchard, Carol Thornton

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

Approval of February 7, 2024 Minutes: Corey Klein moved to approve the February 7, 2024 minutes. Cassie Jones seconded, and the motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: Marian Norton shared the report for April 1, 2023 through March 6, 2024, showing a checking account balance of \$3,940.33 and a savings balance of \$35,327.98. Marian has received membership renewals, and a donation of \$79.44. Bea Parker moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Debbie Keeley seconded, and the motion was carried.

Reports:

- Debbie Keeley received five membership renewals tonight.
- Tim Niver shared information from the Library's Annual Report. Total circulation was 231,000 in 2023, up from 207,000 in 2022. 13,600 people attended Library programs. Public computer use was 3,200, and use of the Library's free WiFi was up as well.
- Jess Pritchard reported on the Read-A-Thon planned for June 27, 2024. Each participant (individual or group) will commit to raising \$100 and will be recorded that day reading aloud, with the video shared online. If you'd like to participate, please contact Jess Pritchard. Volunteers are needed to help with registration, timers, and to provide or serve refreshments. A SignUp Genius will be created for Friends who wish to help.
- Cassie Jones reported that the spring Book Sale is currently on pause, waiting for a space at Eastview Mall. Once we have a date, used book collection will begin at 200 School St from 10am-noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the weeks prior to the sale.

Old Business:

- On behalf of the library staff, Patty Bascomb thanked Corey Klein and Gina Kaufer for the wonderful treats they brought in for Library Lovers month. Lucas Drahts was the winner of the Candy Hearts contest: his winning guess of 329 was one of 110 entries!
- Volunteers are needed to decorate the Library in November.
- Patty Bascomb met with a group to discuss possibilities for including a Reading Garden in the plans for updating the Library landscaping. Tim Niver explained the process around the NYS Main Street grant, for which the Library has submitted a proposal and been accepted.
- Patty Bascomb noted that anyone interested in an officer position should make their interest known by March 31, 2024. Officers will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on April 3, 2024. Members must have paid their 2024-5 membership to be eligible to vote.

New Business:

- Rebecca Donovan referred everyone to the proposed amendments to the Bylaws. The review occurred after the "first" year of revitalized Friends, adding reference to new requirements and deletions of obsolete items. Jess Pritchard moved to approve the amendments, Corey Klein seconded, and the amendments were approved unanimously.

Annual Membership Meeting: April 3, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Library Malone Room immediately followed by the **Members Meeting** at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned by President Patty Bascomb at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Donovan, Secretary