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Minutes of February 20, 2018

Present:

Susan Bell, Vicki Brandt, Joanne Cimma, Patrick Cronin, Margaret Dacey, Dinah Farrington, Karen Foster, Betty Giugno, Tom Grant, Jill Dugas Hughes, Judith Maguire, Lynne Oudekerk, Liz Reyner, Monica Seeber, Kate Hafner

Minutes:

Minutes of the Nov 14, 2017 regular meeting were approved unanimously, with Linda Murphy moving and Lynne Oudekerk seconding. Minutes of the January 16, 2018 were approved unanimously, with Tom Grant moving and Betty Giugno seconding

Treasurer's Report:

Judith submitted the treasurer's report. The balance as of February 20, 2018 is \$76,236.52. The report was approved unanimously, with Kate Hafner moving and Dinah Farrington seconding. Judith also provided the 2017 report of Income and Expenses.

Membership/Database:

Our end of year donations amounted to \$2,780, centered on National Giving Day. Our membership letter will be mailed shortly; the meeting approved the form.

Pat is still working on a new database; anyone interested in working with him on it, please contact him: he's thinking of a meeting in the second week of March.

Book Sales:

New tables have been ordered for the book sale. The Library will get bids for ventilation and electricity to the shed and we will, at the next meeting, approve the grant. Lois Hazelton has begun publicizing the Spring Sale which is April 19-22.

Advocacy/Membership Committee:

Anne Burton couldn't make it. The two big events coming up are Advocacy Day at the Capital on February 28 and the local author event on March 17, which will feature a talk by Patricia Nugent, who wrote *Before They Were Our Mothers*.

Grant Requests:

A total of \$30,839 was unanimously approved with Lynne Oudekerk moving and Monica Seeber seconding.

We request that updates be given at future meetings on the status of the spending.

- \$375 for the 1st Annual Youth Winter Reading Program
- \$1,100 for Fish Tank Maintenance Service and Supplies.
- \$4,000 for the Summer Reading Program and prizes
- \$6,000 for the 2018 Musical Programs, including 16 concerts Through the year
- \$750 for the Adult Summer Reading Program
- \$750 for the Farmers' Market
- \$3,285 for Periodicals, including Value Line, New York Times, and Albany Business Review
- \$4,500 for a Popular Juvenile Collection and video programs for the Nintendo Switch.
- \$4,000 for Multiple Copies of Popular Adult titles
- \$2,000 for Meeting Room Calendar/Scheduling Software set up fee
- \$2579 for the Museum Pass Program for 2018
- \$1,500 for a Disk Repair Machine and Start-up Supplies

Library news:

- The library is planning to replace the current 20 computers with 15 new computers, supplementing with laptops as needed. It has been observed that many people bring their own laptops.
- The library is thinking of re-arranging the main room of the library and is seeking input from staff and patrons on what can be improved and/or removed.
- Susan Bell has been hired as Community Relations Coordinator/Assistant to the Director, and the two new maintenance people have also been hired.
- The boiler project is ongoing.
- At the moment, they are under budget
- The Day before the Awards is scheduled to take place on March 3.

Next Friends Regular Meeting: April 10, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Submitted by Kate Hafner

Moved because of set up for Spring Book Sale