



**10 Community Way  
East Greenbush, NY 12061  
[eastgreenbushlibrary.org/friends-of-the-library](http://eastgreenbushlibrary.org/friends-of-the-library)  
[foegcl@gmail.com](mailto:foegcl@gmail.com)**

## **Minutes of September 19, 2017**

### **Present:**

Pat Cronin, Mary Davitt, Betty Giugno, Mari Harris, Jill Dugas Hughes, Judith Maguire, Linda Murphy, Lynne Oudekerk, Michael Poost, Mabel Pruden, Liz Reyner, Jean Sheviak, Kate Hafner

### **Minutes:**

Minutes of the Jun 20, 2017 regular meeting were approved unanimously, with Mabel Pruden moving and Liz Reyner seconding.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Judith submitted the treasurer's report. The balance as of November 19, 2017 is \$57,803.70, \$15,000 of which is encumbered for the 2018 Library Materials Budget and will be paid in January. It was approved unanimously, with Kate Hafner moving and Linda Murphy seconding.

### **Membership/Database:**

At this point we have 309 Household members for 2017, of which 24 are new. In last month's report, we counted total individual renewals. Income from 2017 memberships and donations is \$10,542.

### **Book Sale:**

- Book donations continue. At times, the donations are manageable. At other times, unsorted books need to be stored in the shed for later sorting.
- To date, we have earned \$139.81 from spring book sale books shipped to Thriftbooks last spring.
- The Children's Festival set-up starts Thursday, Sept 21. The Festival is on Sept 23, with the bag sale Sept 24.
- The Fall Adult Book Sale set-up starts on Thursday, October 26. The sale starts on Thursday, November 2 at 5 PM and ends with the bag sale on Sunday, November 5. Recruitment has started and we continue to see a shortage of hefters, a problem that has persisted in the last few book sales.

**Advocacy and Publicity:**

- The 2017 Summer Reading Challenge had a total attendance of 4651.
- This year, 37 volunteers contacted 192 East Greenbush residents as part of the Friends' Get-Out-The Vote effort. Nearly 200 voted in the library election with 3.6 votes in favor of the budget for each vote against the budget. Michael Poost and Shay Harrison were elected as library trustees.

**Grant Requests:**

A total of \$3500 was unanimously approved with Liz Reyner moving and Pat Cronin seconding.

- \$ 1500 for additions to the Adult Audio Book Collection, whose usage has increased 8% in the past year
- \$ 2500 for additions to the Adult Fiction and non-Fiction Collection. The non-Fiction collection has gaps in sciences, business, home repair and health, among other areas.

**Library news:**

- The Wednesday Farmers' Market continues through October 4th.
- The Summer Reading program was very successful. This year, the library used the "Build a Better World" program. Attendance was down as Town of East Greenbush campers were not bussed to the library to participate. Nonetheless, library staff felt that participating children were very engaged in the program. Twenty-six local businesses and museums donated money, food, prizes and gift certificates, including Berkshire Bank, Stewarts, Kinderhook Bank and the Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library.
- While the Library has applied for grants to continue updating the HVAC and lights, this year the total state grant available is \$750,000 and competition is expected to be stiff as \$4,000,000 in grant proposals have been submitted from libraries around the state.
- The doors to the trash and recycling storage area have been repaired and strengthened.
  - The Library is again planning a Volunteer Recognition event on Friday evening, November 17. All Friends and library Volunteers will be invited. A planning committee has been formed and includes representatives from Friends (Betty Giugno, Judith Maguire, Lynne Oudekerk, Linda Murphy, Mari Harris) and the library.
- Michael Poost has been elected to serve on the Upper Hudson Library Board.
- The Library Budget passed by a margin of 3.6 to 1. Shay Harrison and Michael Poost were elected as library trustees.
- The Library is seeking staff replacements for recent vacancies.
- The Library is considering an ongoing book sale of their culled books. Offer by Friends to take library's culled books and funnel through Friends' book sale process.

**Friends News:**

- The Friends unanimously approved a motion to cover the costs of some Friends' officers to attend the NYLA meeting Nov 8-11 at a total cost of \$230, with Michael Poost moving to approve and Mari Harris seconding the motion.
- The Friends raised \$24.79 from the Amazon Smile Program and \$82 from Hannaford's Bags 4 My Cause Sale , and \$200 in memory of JoAnn Jakiela.
- A new fundraising opportunity will involve a quilt raffle, with the quilt being donated by a library patron. The raffle will be concurrent with the upcoming fall book sale.
- A nominating committee was formed to nominate officers for next year. On the committee are Pat Cronin, Mari Harris, Lynne Oudekerk and Liz Reyner.
- Jean Sheviak has joined the NYLA Legislative Committee as a representative of the Friends of Library Section.
- The meeting broke for a short time to thank and honor Leo Kellogg who has organized our book storage shed and made sale set up much easier for the past three years. Thank you and best wishes to Leo.
- The deadline for the next library newsletter is Nov 5.

**Next Friends Meeting:** Nov 21, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Submitted by Kate Hafner