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Minutes of Jun 20, 2017

Present: Betty Giugno, Tom Grant, Mari Harris, Jill Dugas Hughes, Judith Maguire, Kevin McCann, Lynne Oudekerk, Michael Poost, Mabel Pruden, Kate Hafner

Minutes: Minutes of the April 28, 2017 regular meeting were approved unanimously (Michael Poost moving and Betty Giugno seconding) and the minutes of MOU discussion on May 16 were approved unanimously (Judith Maguire moving and Mabel Pruden seconding.)

Treasurer's Report: Judith submitted the treasurer's report; the balance as of June 20, 2017, which is \$58,899.08. \$15,000 of that is encumbered for the 2018 Library Materials Budget and will be paid in January.

Membership/Database:

At this point we have 429 friends for 2017, of which 22 are new and 407 are renewals. There was \$7,595.00 in membership renewals and donations.

Book Sale:

- Books are still coming in---sometimes so much it's hard to sort, and other times less unmanageable.
- We are considering using Thriftbooks more if we continue to struggle with managing the inflow of books; we have not yet earned money on the leftover sale books.

Advocacy and Publicity:

- The Summer Newsletter is out and has been mailed to friends not in the local mailing district.

Grant Requests:

A total of \$15,650 was unanimously approved:

- \$650 for outreach crates to have books for families to read together as well as a pamphlet holder about the services the library offers. These crates would be placed in a variety of public places: town halls, laundromats, doctor's offices... A report on the success of this outreach will be submitted in 6 months. This community outreach is part of the Strategic Plan. Kate Hafner moved and Mabel Pruden seconded.

- The Library Board Treasurer presented the current fiscal scenario for the 2018 budget. The library materials budget has been flat or cut over the past five years. Increased circulation and increased demand on borrowing from other libraries support the need for a materials budget line increase. Simultaneously, the 2018 budget for the library will also need to include some restoration of facilities cuts, to maintain the aging infrastructure as well as a technology infrastructure one-time expense. In 2020 the library budget will have some relief, once the bond is paid off. The Board requested \$15,000 to augment the Materials Budget for 2018; Such grants to support the Library in tight fiscal times have been given before. Mary Harris moved and Judith Maguire seconded.

Library news:

- Summerfest is being planned for Friday August 4 at 7 PM (after the Library is closed, with rain location in the meeting rooms of the Library.) It is being organized by Youth and Adult Services and will include a Zydeco band
- The 2018 Library budget is being planned; a 2.9% increase is anticipated (about \$6 for a \$200,000 house)
- There will be two board seats to be filled in the election; only one incumbent is planning to run; we need another volunteer for the board.
- The Wednesday Farmers' Market has begun with more varied choices and more participants. There will also be food trucks and music.
- The Board will not have time to take up the MOU this month, as it is working on the Budget.
- The Upper Hudson Library System also has an empty board seat.

Friends News:

- We were designated as the recipients of the funds earned by sales of "Hannaford Helps" bags this month, which so far amounts to \$30.
- We are considering installing lighting in the shed; Michael Poost estimated a cost between \$2000 and \$3000 dollars for installation
- The Friends have purchased Quicken for financial record-keeping purposes and we're using a loaned library computer to keep our financial records.

Next Friends Meeting: Sept 19, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Submitted by Kate Hafner