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## **Minutes of Feb 19, 2019**

### **Present:**

Frank Coppa, Mari Harris, Scott Eberling, Lois Hazelton, Jill Dugas Hughes, Dinah Farrington, Betty Giugno, Janet Malecki, Linda Murphy, Lynne Oudekerk, Michael Poost, Liz Reyner, Diane Ryan, Jean Sheviak, Kate Hafner

### **Minutes:**

Minutes of the November 13, 2018 regular meeting was approved with Michael moving and Linda seconding and the January 15, 2019 organizational meeting was approved, with Lynne moving and Diane seconding. Both were approved unanimously.

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

Janet Malecki submitted the treasurer's report. The balance as of February 10, 2019 is \$51,244.54 The report was approved unanimously.

### **Membership/Database:**

The renewal letters recently went out and renewals are coming in. The database is in the process of being updated

Pat Cronin is still working on an online database.

### **Book Sales:**

Linda reminds people that we need a Book Sale co-chairman for 2019 and a new chairperson for 2020-2021.

The Adult and Teen Spring 2019 Book Sale is scheduled for May 2 to May 5, with set-up starting April 27.

The Book Sale Committee held a meeting earlier today. They have decided that, since we are reducing the set-up by a day and a half, to allow the library to have a full spring break schedule, we will again hire movers. Also, we will hire an East Greenbush policeman for the Thursday evening of the sale.

We may change hours and we will definitely increase the cost of Sunday bag book sale to \$5, but will allow the reusable shopping bags from local supermarkets as well as the one use plastic bags for that price.

Lois is working on publicity and just needs input on a few things (like the changing hours.)

### **Advocacy/Membership Committee:**

Library Advocacy day is February 27, 2019 at the NYS Capitol.

**Friends News:**

The NYLA Friends of Libraries section has asked if they can meet here August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jean Sheviak is arranging things. The board meeting in the morning would be followed by a meet and greet of all local Friends sections in the afternoon

**Library news:**

On the good news side: New York State will be giving us 50% of our construction project instead of the 35% originally allotted because some other libraries could not find the 50% matching amount required and the funds were distributed amount other applicants; however, we will likely not apply next year. Two years from now, when our building bond is paid off, we can again afford to pay 50% of construction projects.

On the not-so-good news side, Schodack is giving us only the amount they gave us last year, not the increased amount that we would have gotten under the old contract, based on usage.

Jill presented the grant request for 2019 It is \$28,450.

- \$2,500 to replace and add to the Stories to Go Kits, which were originally funded by the Friend 10 years ago
- \$6,000 for the Summer reading program and prizes
- \$1,800 for the Children's Festival and Book Sale
- \$1,200 for Fish Tank Maintenance Service and Supplies
- \$1,000 for the Adult Summer and Winter Reading Challenges
- \$750 for the Fifth Annual Day before the Awards Festival---with a reminder that Jackson is going off to college next year and we will have to find someone to organize next year's festival
- \$2,000 for the Farmers' Market
- \$4,550 for the Periodicals
- \$2,950 for the Museum Pass Program
- \$2,000 for the "Adult Hot off the Press" program
- \$1,200 for "Graphic Novel and Video Game Collections"
- \$2,500 for Staff Professional Development

The motion to approve the grant for 2019 was moved by Kate, seconded by Mari and approved unanimously.

Jill also shared the good news that the Library has been co-awarded HulaFrog's most loved library award, along with Albany Public Library's Bach Branch, and the Library was nominated in Times Union's "Best of 2019" competition, along with Clifton Park/Halfmoon, Bethlehem, Colonie and Albany.

**Next Friends Regular Meeting:** April 16, 2019 at 6:30 PM

Submitted by Kate Hafner