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Minutes of Apr 12, 2016

Present: Suzanne Aiardo, Pat Cronin, Mary Davitt, Betty Giugno, Tom Grant, Mari Haris, Jill Dugas Hughes, Lynne Oudekerk, Jeff Pulver, Debbie Sgroi, Kate Hafner

Minutes: Minutes of the Feb 16 regular meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Judith submitted the treasurer's report; the balance as of April 12 is \$37,297.76. This does not include membership and donations in the past two months, which is about \$7,000 and will appear in the next treasurer's report.

Membership/Database:

We have 225 members for this year. 200 were regular renewals, 15 renewed this year who did not renew last year and we had 10 new members join.

Book Sale:

- Setup for the Spring using Sign Up Genius is proceeding; we could use more volunteers---particularly consolidators on the days of the sale.
- We have new tables, and will be purchasing a new coffee urn, 3 pots and 4 new swinger sidewalk signs.
- We have new places to take books that are not sold, which includes Grass Root Givers.
- Debbie Sgroi says that all the publicity is done for the sale.

Grant Requests: Staff requests for grants of \$19,937 were approved by a unanimous vote after discussion. Grants included were:

- \$13,198 for Audio Visual Equipment for the Multipurpose Room, to include a Ceiling-mounted Projector, Da-Lite Motorized Projection Screen, Wireless Presentation system, labor, cabling and a five year service agreement.
- \$2635 for the Youth Services Summer Reading Program and Prizes, which will include performances by the Helderberg Marionettes, the Puppet People, the Scotia-Glenville Traveling Museum, a hands-on ecology program, Anita Sanchez's "Insect Olympics," and Music Mobile.
- \$2350 for this year's summer music series and summer adult reading program. This will include performances by Lost Radio Rounders on June 29, Sonny and Perley and bass player on July 6, Mary Wendell and His Tour Band on July 13, and The Jazz Connection on July 20.
- \$1754 to cover the Museum Pass Program for 2016-2017; there have been 4 additional passes added. The National Museum of Horse Racing at Saratoga pass was used only 9 times last year so we will consider not renewing it next year.

Advocacy:

Advocacy Day went well. The state has agreed to increase funding for libraries. 50,000 postcards arrived to support libraries. The library aid will increase \$4 million to \$95.6 million and the construction aid will increase \$5 million to \$19 million. This is the first increase in a decade. Libraries will also be MTA tax exempt. The idea that libraries are sources of life long learning was emphasized.

Library news:

- Jill asked Lynne that we consider changing the way we grant money to the library. It would be easier for the library if we budgeted amounts to be given to the library and she reported back on where the money would be spent. The consensus of the meeting is that we would prefer to continue getting specific requests, discussing them and then voting on them.

Friends News:

- We thank Debbie Sgroi for all her work as Publicity Person and wish her well on her move out of our area. She has worked on our newsletter (now integrated in the Library newsletter,) and helped re-design our logo and website.
- We need a new Publicity Director
- April 24 is the deadline date for articles for the newsletter; please get anything to Debbie by then.
- We will issue generic receipt forms for donations. We have checked liability issues and the form we had devised seems to cover all concerns. A lot of our donors feel the need for a receipt.
- Our By-Laws are dated May 1998; Lynne and Suzanne have been working on updated By-Laws and they will be posted on the website.. We will vote on them at the next meeting.

Next Friends Meeting: June 21 at 6:30 PM

Submitted by Kate Hafner