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Minutes of Feb 16, 2016

Present: Suzanne Aiardo, Anne Burton, Pat Cronin, Mary Davitt, Betty Giugno, Tom Grant, Jill Dugas Hughes, Judith Maguire Linda Murphy, Lynne Oudekerk, Michael Poost, Jeff Pulver, Kate Hafner

Minutes: Minutes of the Nov 17 regular meeting and the January 19 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Judith submitted the treasurer's report; the balance as of February 1 is \$41,460.30. The earlier close-out is due to the need to get records to the tax accountant.

Membership/Database:

We had 340 members in 2015, with total in dues/donations of \$9944. There were 259 annual renewals, 27 renewals from members who had not renewed in 2014, 21 new members, and 96 members who did not renew in 2014. There was a renewal letter in May that brought in some renewals; it was suggested that there be another one in November reminding that membership is tax deductible as are donations. Change in membership rates were approved: \$15 for individuals, \$25 for families, and 2 new categories for \$10: senior (65+ years) and students.

Book Sale:

- Setup for the Spring Adult Book Sale will start April 14; the Sale itself will start at 5 PM on April 21; the cost of bags at the bag sale on Sunday April 24 will increase to \$4 a bag.
- The dumpster for recycling will arrive on April 14 and be taken away after the sale is finished.
- We are investigating new tables. In the course of years of sales, some have begun to fail and we have replaced some and need to replace more.
- We will use Sign Up Genius again and will send out the website address to previous volunteers shortly before the email blast to all members.
- The Children's Festival will be September 24, with set-up starting the evening of September 22 and the bag sale occurring on Sunday September 25 from 1 PM to 3 PM
- Setup for the Fall Adult Book Sale will start October 20; the Sale itself will start at 5 PM on October 27; the bag sale will be on Sunday October 30

Grant Requests: Staff requests for grants of \$1600 were approved by a unanimous vote. Grants included were:

- \$500 for the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program
- \$600 for the Classical Music Concert of Flute and Harp Music on Wednesday April 27
- \$500 for the refreshments for the "Day Before the Awards Film Festival" on February 27. Volunteers will sell the refreshments and all monies taken in will be donated toward the new video equipment for the library.

Advocacy:

March 2 is Advocacy Day at the State Capital for libraries; of particular interest are personal stories of what the library means to you. We therefore would like to collect those stories. We would also like to organize carpools from the Library to go over to the Capitol. The more people going the better. Lynne will be sending out an email to members when Jill gets her the information.

Library news:

- Jill said that she would be going over to the March 2nd event , to particularly lobby for Library Construction Aid, noting that many of our climate control equipment was 15 years old, and since it is computer controlled, many of the parts are in need of updating.
- Our Farmers' Market now certified, which means some vendors will be able to take WIC checks. Last year's participants agreed to a raise in fees to \$50 for the year, in order that the Library and the YMCA can increase advertising. We are looking for more participants to widen the variety of goods offered.
- CoNSERNS- U is planning a food drive in March and will be looking for canned food donations.
- The "Day Before the Awards Film Festival" on February 27 is almost fully staffed with volunteers. If anyone is free to help in the 3-6 PM slot, please check at the circulation desk. T-shirts will be sold for \$10 on the day of the sale.
- Work on the Strategic 3-year Plan has begun; the staff have made contributions, opinions from library users will be solicited in the newsletter to be mailed shortly and the Board of Trustees have begun work.
- The budget is nicely on track.

Friends News:

- We thank JoAnn Jakiela and Debbie Sgroi for their work on both our website and the newsletter. We thank JoAnn for designing our new logo.
- Pat Cronin plans to send the Circulation Desk updated membership lists monthly in last name alphabetical order. These lists are used when patrons who do not pay taxes into the East Greenbush Library System want to use certain programs (such as the Museum Passes.)
- Because the third Tuesday of April will be in the middle of the Book Sale Setup, we are moving the Friends meeting to the 2nd Tuesday of April.

Next Friends Meeting: April 12 at 6:30 PM

Submitted by Kate Hafner