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Minutes of September 20, 2016

Present: Suzanne Aiardo, Anne Burton, Pat Cronin, Mary Davitt, Tom Grant, Mari Harris, Jill Dugas Hughes, Judith Maguire, Michael Post, Jeff Pulver, Jenifer Spade, Kate Hafner

Minutes: Minutes of the June 21 regular meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Judith submitted the treasurer's report; the balance as of Sept 20 was \$41,405.29

Membership/Database:

We have 320 members so far for this year, of which 22 are new members and 29 re-joined. The total of donations/renewal at this time is \$9,785. We will appeal for year-end donations in the next newsletter.

Book Sale:

- The Children's Festival and Book Sale begins this Saturday at 9 AM; and ends at 4 PM. A bag sale will occur on Sunday from 1 to 3 PM.
- Prizes for the Children's Sale will include certificates to Good Buy Books, Friendly's and the East Greenbush Bowling Center.
- This year we will have kettle corn in addition to popcorn.
- Thanks to Lisa Fox for securing other supplies for the event.
- Books are coming in---sometimes so much it's hard to sort, and other times at a manageable rate.
- The Fall Adult Book Sale is from 5 PM on Thursday October 27 to 8:30 PM, from 9 AM on Friday October 28 to 8:30 PM; from 10 AM on Saturday October 29 to 4:30 PM and the bag sale is 1-3 PM on Sunday, October 30. The online sign-ups will be posted soon.

Grant Requests: A staff request for a grant of \$5,800 to purchase two AWE Early Literacy Stations was approved by a unanimous vote after discussion. We supported the purchase of 3 in 2009 and two of them are in need of replacement

Public Relations:

Lois Hazelton is handling publicity. Thank you very much, Lois.

We mailed newsletters to 88 "out of district" Friends.

Advocacy:

The Library Budget passed and Robert West was elected to the Board by write in votes. There were 9 names written in and Robert got the most, with 29 votes.

30 callers made “get out the vote” calls. Some people said they were not registered to vote and some people who came in to vote were unaware that only people in the East Greenbush voting district could vote.

The National Friends of the Library Week is October 16-22. We are not doing anything this year, but plan to do something next year.

Library news:

- Library attendance and book circulation have increased. We also have fairly steady usage of AV, Electronic Materials and other library materials.
- We replaced some of our heat pumps in the last grant cycle and have applied for a new NY State Public Library Construction Grant funds (\$46,557) for energy efficiency lighting and heat pump upgrades. The library will be required to match this grant with capital funds. One of the main library heat pumps is broken and replacement is underway.
- The sidewalks from Luther Road through to Hawthorne Ridge are scheduled to be installed sometime in 2017. It is hoped that planning will be completed in the spring, and the actual work will be done over the summer. The Town is organizing and paying for construction.

Friends News:

- We need to find people to form a nominating committee for 2017 officers.
- A conflict of interest policy form was proposed and will be voted on at the next meeting. It was suggested that the Library Director and Board Members should probably not vote on grants in the future; since it has never been a close vote, the topic has not previously arisen.
- On Friday November 11 from 7-9 PM we are scheduling a “dessert social” to thank all the many volunteer Friends who put in so much work on our sales.

Next Friends Meeting: November 15 at 6:30 PM

Submitted by Kate Hafner