

FRIENDS OF BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2009 6:00 pm

Present: Bill Acquario, Jeanne Biggins, Polly Hartman, Janna Harton, Marsha Levin, Mike Levin, Marianne Purcell, Mary Kim Purcell, Michael Viscuso, Sue Viscuso and Elissa Zwiebach

President's Report

1. The previous meeting's minutes were approved.
2. The current year's officers were voted in again for the coming year.
3. The August Glimmerglass trip already has 45 tickets sold and new calls daily so larger bus was ordered which can hold up to 56. The Bronx Zoo trip in fall will have an ad placed shortly for the July/August library publication. The NYC trip is planned for December.
4. We had two respondents to the Italy trip surveys. In general both were satisfied and the Smithsonian tour went well despite plane delays. For future fundraising trips like this the board decided to further explore its options.
5. The two scholarship awardees were decided upon with one winner from Bethlehem and one from LaSalle. Meghan is planning to present the award at Bethlehem.

Treasurer's Report as of 5/19/09

Balance forward		\$9,761.03
Receipts		
Bake Sales of 2/09 and 3/09	\$174.25	
Personal donations	65.00	
Collette Travel	1719.50	
Tote bag sales	84.00	
Teddy bear sales	54.00	2096.75
Actual Expenses		
Village Deli	64.00	
Petty cash for bake sales	25.00	
4 All Promos (ecobags)	560.97	
Wade Tours (bus)	140.00	<u>789.97</u>
Balance in checkbook		\$11,067.81
Allocated expenses		
Wade Tours (Aug)	660.00	
Scholarships	1000.00	
Glimmerglass (Aug trip)	3120.80	
Otesaga (Aug trip)	990.00	<u>5770.80</u>
Net funds available		<u>\$5297.01</u>

Liaison's Report

1. Jeanne shared a report on the museum pass program. Pass circulation was 451 in 2009. Passes return fairly quickly as there is a \$50 fine assessed if not returned after 3 days. Some

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museum pass renewals will cost more this coming year. The board discussed this, the possibility of including additional museums, and which passes might not have as much circulation as desired. The board spent \$815 this past year, was asked to spend \$1175, and agreed to spend \$1025 for the coming year (less one Rockwell and one Iroquois pass from the proposed list) since the funds made on bus trips will help offset the additional cost.

2. The report from the 2000 Antiques Appraisal fundraiser was shared and discussed.

New Business

1. Montreal was discussed as a potential 2010 bus trip. The NY state enhanced driver's license can act in place of a passport for such a daytrip. Wade charges \$60 for Montreal and the bus leaves at 7:30AM. We could continue to offer an April trip to Boston (but not at Easter), an August Glimmerglass trip (the opera charges each year), an early October Montreal trip (missing the religious holidays) and the December NYC trip. A Lake George dinner theater might be another option. The board was encouraged to consider other possible bus trips.
2. We will do popcorn sales for this summer's Concerts on the Green 7PM on Wednesdays in July. Sue and Michael will do 7/8, Elissa and Mary Kim 7/15, Bill and Janna 7/22, Marianne and Polly 7/29. The library has a popcorn machine we can use and there are some coolers on wheels for drinks. We can charge \$1 for water and \$1 for popcorn. Jeanne will check to make sure popcorn inside is ok. Mike and Marsha are willing to help with setup and to bring the cashbox.
3. New fundraising ideas are welcome. Mary Kim will check with other travel agencies. A survey for Glimmerglass participants should be created as they may be a different group and have new suggestions for things they'd like Friends to get involved in.
4. The group discussed setting upcoming meetings as follows: 9/21/09, 11/30/09, 1/18/10, 3/29/10, 5/24/10. Polly will try to reserve these dates.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Next meeting: July 20, 2009 at 7:00 PM