

Friends of Bethlehem Public Library
Meeting minutes
July 21, 2008 7pm

Present: Marsha Levin, Mike Levin, Polly Hartman, Meryl Norek, Mary Kim Purcell, Jeanne Biggins and Sue Viscuso Guest, Library trustee Nancy Smith.

President's Report

- Approval of May meeting minutes. **M/S/C.**
- NYC bus trip (9/13/08): 37 people to date have signed up. Leaves Delmar at 8am, leaves NYC at 7pm.
- NYC bus trip (12/13/08): Two buses. Made it into the Sept/Oct Footnotes. Leaves Delmar at 7:30am and leaves NYC at 6:30pm.
- Evenings on the Green series: Rained three times but still a good turnout. Popcorn was a good seller.
- Italy trip: One person has officially signed up to date. Will be in the Sept/Oct Footnotes.
- Teddy Bears: 36 have sold to date. We will reduce the price in November. We will need to sell 60 at \$10.00 each to break even. Perhaps we will sell them at upcoming events such as the Technology Fair on 11/1/08.
- Tote bags: We made \$240.00 over the past two months at \$12.00 each.
- Scholarship awards update: **Tabled until the September meeting.**

Treasurer's Report

As of 7/21/08

Balance forward: \$6,543.99

Receipts:

Memberships \$3,450.00¹

Tote bags \$240.00

Misc. \$0.21

Total receipts: \$3,690.21

Expenditures:

Annual meeting refreshments \$60.01

Postage \$80.00

Price Chopper water for concerts \$14.97

Start up cash for concerts \$60.00

Total expenditures: \$514.98

Balance in checkbook: \$9,719.22

Allocated expenditures:

Refreshments for ESL \$300.00

Walker \$330.00

Staff appreciation gifts \$150.00
Authors Series \$2,900.00
Wade Tours 9/12/08 \$3,927.00
Total allocated expenditures: \$7,607.00
Net funds available: \$2,112.22

Liaison's Reports

- New roof project. The roof at the library will be replaced this fall; it should take about a month.
- New Bethlehem Public library trustee roster (received).
- New Friends of the Bethlehem Library roster (received).
- Approval of funding for A Little Sunday Music. Dates and performers will be available for the September meeting. Four concerts/\$1,200.00. **M/S/C**
- Request for a \$200.00 contribution for the New York State Library Assistants Association in June 2009. **Tabled until the September meeting.**
- Friends membership database 2008: 108 paid \$3,620.00.
- Business member drive. Treasurer to contact Chamber of Commerce for the business address/labels for \$95.00. Letters to be processed and mailed out by the consumers at the Center for Disability Services this fall.

New Business

- Spring 2009 bus trip. Possibly NYC or Boston. Last year NYC in April sold out. Boston makes money but doesn't usually sell out. Polly to send out new survey on the next bus trip.
- Bus trip organization: Polly will organize and contact the bus company directly.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm

Next meeting September 22, 2008

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sue Viscuso

Approved 9/22/08

1 Represents 106 personal applications.