

Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library
Business meeting 7/30/07 7:00

Attendance: David Cooper, Mary Kim Purcell, Mike Levin, Marsha Levin, Jeanne Biggins, Polly Hartman and Meghan Seely.

I. President report:

Riverway Story telling Festival: *Friends* will sponsor Finale again this year. Cost \$1,250.00. **M/S/C.**

Approval of May meeting minutes. **M/S/C.**

NYC Bus trip: August 18. Decided to go regardless of possible loss.
December 1: Scheduled and in the *Footnotes*.

2007-08 Membership mailing: Sent out

Friends on the Green: Two concerts were rained out and held indoors. Refreshment selling not making much of a profit. Suggested to sell only popcorn next year which sells well and no beverages.

II. Library News:

Yolanda Caldwell is a new Trustee.

Over 600 children signed up for the summer reading program. Registration and reporting were on-line for the first time.

New play center donated by Friends; children love it!

There are public issues opinion polls on the BPL website. Currently there is a poll on health insurance. In the fall there will be a poll on Global Warming. Polling is one of the activities in library's 3-year plan of service. The first poll had 110 responses in the first 10 days.

II. New Business:

High End travel tours with the library receiving 10% of the profits may be an option. A company contacted David but did not attend the meeting as planned. There would be no investment on the part of the *Friends*. We would simply be the vehicle to promote these tours and we would get 10%. More information to come.

Proposal for the purchase of 4 hand-held GPS devices for library program use. Tabled for the September meeting.

Proposal for "Writers & Friends" author series. \$2,500.00 requested. **M/S/C.** This open-ended series will feature three to five programs in any given year, and a wide variety of authors.

Teddy Bear Picnic: A celebration of the 25th anniversary of this event. Suggestion to do this rather than *Friends on the Green*. Tabled for the September meeting.

Museum Passes: \$425.00 approved. **M/S/C.**

Book bags approved to increase to \$12.00 and when supply is exhausted to look at a new model. Current model has had some complaints related to wear.

Winter Concert Series: \$1,200.00 approved. **M/S/C.**

Technology Fair: Saturday Nov. 3. Looking at a Friends table and a raffle of some tech item as a fundraiser. To discuss at September meeting.

II. Treasurer's report

Balance forward \$9,380.99
Revenues:
Indiv. applications \$3,165.00
Business application \$500.00
Tote bags \$240.00
Total revenues \$3,905.00
Disbursements:
Start up for concerts \$100.00
Hunter transportation \$800.00
Friends on the Green \$500.00
Albany clothing promotions \$1,634.33
Business appeal (labels etc) \$729.40
Total disbursements \$3,763.73
Balance in checkbook \$9,522.26
Committed expenses:
Hunter Transportation \$1,660.00
Author talk \$2,000.00
Total committed expenses: \$3,660.00
Net available \$5,862.26

Minutes submitted by Sue Viscuso.

Next meeting: September 24, 2007 at 7:00pm at the Library