

Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library
Board Meeting
November 19, 2007 7:00pm

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Present: David Cooper, Mary Kim Purcell, Mike Levin, Marsha Levin, Jeanne Biggins, Janna Harton, Polly Hartman, Meghan Seely and Sue Viscuso. Guests: Library board trustees Paula Read and Yolanda Caldwell.

I. President's Report

- M/S/C September meeting minutes
- Jennifer Bauman from Colette Tours presented a possible fundraiser to *Friends* board members. Escorted tours, vacation packages with meals included. Over 170 destinations to choose from. A sub-committee (Mary Kim, Marsha, Polly and Sue) will meet to narrow down some potential options. More information to follow. The *Friends* make 10% of sales.
- NYC Bus trip for December is full; 2 buses.
- Tech Fair: Polly, Mike and Marsha attended and did a great job "manning" the table. The fair brought in a large crowd. *Friends* sponsored a thumb drive drawing and received a few new member applications.
- First winter concert: 11/4/07 Musicians of Ma'alyck. Well attended and well received (Polly represented *Friends*).
- The Casey award: A very nice luncheon and awards ceremony for *Friends* president David Cooper.

II. Treasurer's Report (as of 11/19/07)

Balance forward \$11,280.26

Revenue:

Personal Applications \$185.00

Business Applications \$50.00

Tote Bags \$336.00

Bus trip (December) \$4,094.00

Total Revenue \$4,665.00

Expenses:

Checks in the mail \$41.67

The Hartford Co. \$151.22

Engrave A' Gift \$86.40

B.J.'s \$5.39

Ann Marie Schwartz \$550.00

Hunter Trans. \$ 2,060.00

David Cooper \$250.00

Staples \$53.98

Robert Hendrickson (refund) \$35.00

Total Expenses: \$3,233.60
Check book balance: \$12,711.60
Pre-allocated Expenses:
Author Series \$2,500.00
Winter Concerts \$725.00
Riverway Storytelling \$1,250.00
Teddy Bears picnic \$500.00
Spotlight Ad \$400.00
Total \$5,375.00
Net Revenue Available * \$7336.60
*Represents a profit of \$1,634.00

III. **Liaison Report:**

- Writers and Friends: sponsored by *Friends*. January: Carol Goodman, March: Donald Westlake, and April: Susan Cheever.
- Museum passes: popular and not very expensive for *Friends* to purchase.

IV. **New Business**

- *Friends'* scholarship. (2) \$500.00 scholarships for H.S. graduates (must be Bethlehem Central School District resident). Deadline 3/31/08. Awards to be presented in May. Essay: Why a library is important to a Democracy? Minimum of 500 words.
- Spring bus trip. Probably first or second Saturday in May.
- Teddy Bear Picnic. 25th anniversary. 100 stuffed bears to be ordered and sold at the circulation desk. Marsha to explore the cost of the bears.
- David Cooper will not seek re-election as president of the Friends, effective May 2008.
- Magnetic names tags received for board members to wear at various events.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.
Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Sue Viscuso
Next Meeting January 28, 2008 at 7:00pm