



Friends of Beacon Falls Library
Tuesday January 9, 2018 meeting

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Vice President Wanda Mulinski called the meeting to order at 6:30. Present were:
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| Treasurer Isabelle Culotta | Library Director Sue Dowdell |
| Martha Melville | Ken Priestley |
| Susan Levine | Jack Lardis |

- II. Review of Agenda: Agenda was reviewed.

Motion made to accept the agenda as presented: **Priestley/Culotta**; no discussion; all aye.

- III. Approval of Minutes - December 12, 2017
A. Minutes from December 12, 2017 meeting were reviewed.

Motion to accept the December 12, 2017 minutes as presented: **Culotta/Priestley**; no discussion; all aye. *J. Lardis abstained as he was not present at the December 12, 2017 meeting.*

- B. Correspondence
- thank you letter sent for 1 membership
 - thank you received from St. Michael's for donation
 - Application for Mattatuck Museum pass

Motion to purchase an annual Mattatuck Museum pass for \$75 for free admission for 2 adults and children and free parking: **Priestley/Lardis**; no discussion; all aye.

- IV. Treasurer's Report: November: Isabella Culotta
- December income of \$88.30 included \$20. Dues, \$10. Donations, \$2. Book Cart, \$6. Wish Bowl, \$50.30 Better World Books
 - December expenses of \$1,977.24 included \$100. for Shore Line Trolley Museum pass, \$100. donation to St. Michael's, \$1,207 for assembly room shades (2/3 of cost), \$140. for Imagination Museum pass, \$150. for Yale Peabody Museum pass, and \$280.24 for AmEx bill (Breakout EDU kit, play rug, pictures frames)
 - Checkbook balance as of 12/31/17 was \$6,025.40

Motion to accept the Treasurer's December report as presented: **Levine/Priestley**; no discussion; all aye.

- V. Liaison to the Library Board – Marissa Correia N/A
S. Dowdell reported:
- two new Trustees: Stacey Betkoski and Donna Taylor

- S. Dowdell will provide a BFPL orientation for them and Marissa Correia
- M. Melville resigned as a substitute library assistant
- M. Melville resigned as Library Board clerk; Kerri Vardon will be the new clerk

VI. Liaison to CMC Committee - Martha Melville - NTR

The Committee did not have a meeting in December. Will meet on January 22.

VII. Sunshine Committee Report - Wanda Mulinski

Sympathy card to Dey family; 4 Christmas cards sent to homebound delivery patrons and convalescing Friends

W. Mulinski will sent a congratulations card to Carine Greene on her new job.

VIII. President's Report: Position Vacant

A. Vice-President's Report - Wanda Mulinski - NTR

B. Library Director's Report - Sue Dowdell

1. New book drop: Library Board paid for cart, town paid for book drop
2. Newsletter due to be completed by Thursday
3. BOS approved WRHS Senior project for painted book titles on stair risers
4. Programs have been well attended
5. Blinds for assembly room need to be ordered
6. Youth theater group rehearsing twice or more/week
7. Received BOS approval to apply for CCF grant for microphones for YTG
8. YTG hosting Kokopelli painting class FR in Seymour
9. Will sell ads in program book for June 2-3 performance

IX. Publicity - Martha Melville - meeting notice on recurring calendar in Citizen's News

X. Old Business

A. Library Wish List

1. Storage cabinets for over shelves behind circulation desk - update
- S. Dowdell reported that Jim is almost finished with cabinet to go over cupboards

B. Better World Books – status –

S. Dowdell reported there were 48 boxes to go in the final shipment. BWB will drop the FoBFL account as we don't meet their standards. Want us to scan books before sending any books.

Donations for next book sale won't be accepted until May and request nothing be more than 5 years old.

Friends were asked to research other ways to donate/get rid of book sale leftovers.

C. Other fundraising events - Jack Lardis, Escape/Adventure Room - Sue

J. Lardis asked what fundraisers the Friends had done in the past (ballets, Scrabble Challenges, comedy-wedding dinner, shopping fair/cupcake contest, book sales). He suggested a softball game fundraiser with a team from the NY Giants football team playing against a local team. It was suggested he talk to Beacon Hose about their team. S. Dowdell requested he provide more details about this event including how many volunteers would be needed and present at the February meeting.

S. Dowdell reported on a future Adventure Room fundraiser sponsored by the youth theater group at the lyceum in the spring. Details to follow.

D. Review Bylaws - set date

Meeting at Isabelle's house on Wednesday January 24 at 2 PM for those who would like to review the bylaws. Suggested changes will be presented at the February meeting.

E. Update on quilt - S. Levine

S. Levine washed the quilt but it is still stained. She offered to make a donation to the Friends and keep the quilt herself.

XI. New Business

A. Refreshments for January/February -- Coordinator?

Amy provided a request for refreshments for events. Wanda will take care of getting store bought snacks and drinks.

B. Closet Clean Out Day - Saturday afternoon in January - tabled, plan for February

C. Friends' On-going Book Sale - tabled

S. Dowdell will put DVD sale in newsletter, \$1.00 each, leftover from book sale.

D. Facebook Fundraising - Sue

S. Dowdell said Facebook allows Charitable Giving, users need to set up a bank account to deposit funds. For their birthday, people can designate a charity to receive donations in lieu of gifts. S. Dowdell will go over this with the treasurer and report at the February meeting.

XII. Announcements and Adjournment

Next meeting February 13, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Motion to adjourn at 7:53pm: Culotta/Lardis; no discussion; all aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Melville