

## Minutes of RPL Friends' Meeting of May 10, 2018

Present: Lisa Petri, Eileen Manley, Karen Marcus, Carole Baligh, Marge Gavan, Amy Geisel arrived later.

Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm.

**Minutes of April 12, 2018:** Karen Marcus moved to accept; Carole Baligh seconded. All approved, with exception of Lisa Petri who abstained.

**Announcements:** Lisa Petri will be heading the Friends only until September; we must start looking for someone to be President.

**Treasurer's Report:** See attached.

### **Old Business:**

- Membership update and meeting discussion: In an effort to increase membership, Anne Siebecker will put a blurb on social media to encourage people to come to a meeting and maybe join. We will check to see if she has done this. We will try to send a Friend to each Library event to speak to attendees about joining the Friends; we will be seated either at the Community Desk or in the lobby. Marge Gavan agreed to do this at this coming Saturday's talk on The Wall. Lisa will try to do a story time on Fridays; Amy will do the painting class. A rallying cry for our group should be about the budget cut the Association has had to endure. A letter from the Association asking for donations will be sent out in September; perhaps a donate button can be added to our website. Our website should emphasize using Amazon Smile, attending or volunteering at our big events, such as the Book Sale and/or Berta's dinner. A discussion of whether our meeting time should be moved to another day or to an afternoon time frame produced no good ideas. We will try to solicit public feelings about a meeting time.
- AV Project: Eileen Manley announced that VCA has appointed a project manager for us. Elise is in contact with him to answer two questions: 1) Other than the outlet in the closet, is there any other electric work that needs to be done beforehand and 2) is a 2'x2' table really necessary in the closet, or will shelving work instead? Once these questions are answered, we will contact the Borough for the electric and purchase the table/shelving. This should all be done by early June, and then VCA will come in and complete the project.
- Robotics/Arduino/Minecraft: According to Amy Geisel, Bill H. has spoken with the Boro's Rec Department, and they are willing to work on a program and equipment going forward. The Friends' last session is currently underway. Kits that the Friends had purchased and will be left over will 1) be sold to Bill H., 2) offered to students to buy or 3) sold at the Book Sale.
- Berta's: Karen Marcus has not yet confirmed with Peter about our dinner, although she has a date of Nov. 16 saved. The group decided to go ahead with this event, making is similar to last year, using Fabiola as pianist and the Garden Club making centerpieces. The ticket prices may go up, depending on what deal Karen makes with Peter. A suggestion from Lisa about approaching sponsors was turned down; but it was suggested that a bargaining chip with Peter might be a two-week "advertisement" on our website. PR about this event should be placed on our

website, at least a “save the date” announcement. Lisa Petri and Eileen Manley will be on Karen’s committee for this event.

**New Business:**

- Summer events: Book Bingo will be our only summer event, subject to approval from Elise. Lisa made a motion, which was seconded by Karen, for the Friends to spend up to \$100 for items and books for this event. Motion passed.
- A read-a-thon may be planned for the fall, again subject to events already planned by the staff.
- Another author: this or a Shakespeare event was proposed for the future, once the AV is done and we can review our finances.
- Book Sale will be week of Oct. 7. Details to come.

The next Friends’ meeting will be June 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be no meeting in July and August. The Book Sale will be discussed in September and Berta’s in October.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Manley, Secretary