Friends of the Ringwood Public Library Meeting Minutes: September 8, 2016

Next Meeting: October 6, 2016

Attendance: Kathryn Grant, Jessica Einreinhof, Marge Gavan, Gail Lubot, Carole Baligh, Susan Rakosi Rosenbloom, Lauren Tuttle, Amy Boyle Geisel, Heather Caldwell, Anne Siebecker, Lisa Petri, Lisa Straubinger, Karen Marcus, Director Elise Bedder.

Minutes: Amy Boyle Geisel moved to accept the Minutes of August 11, 2016. Karen Marcus seconded and the motion passed.

Director’s Address: Elise Bedder thanked the Friends for all they have done in the past and will do in the future. She said that her door is always open and that she welcomes the public to come in and talk with her. The Director said that she, Helen Hill and Kristine Gubbins, the new Children’s Area Coordinator, will attend a story hour at Wanaque Library later in the month.

Announcements: Kathryn Grant announced that this was her last meeting as President of the Friends. The group expressed their appreciation for her three years of service. She thanked the group for showing up and participating in the many Friends sponsored events.

Election of Officers: Amy Boyle Geisel moved to accept the slate of officers: Lauren Tuttle, President and Kathryn Grant, Secretary. Anne Siebecker seconded and the motion passed. Vice President, Lisa Petri and Treasurer, Carole Baligh are in the second year of a two year term. Amy Geisel will assist Lauren Tuttle in the transition.

Treasurer’s Report: There is $33,542.48 in the Friends’ account. The net amount for this year is $517.05. Amy Geisel will check into the brick program spending for July.

Brick Program: The program has been discontinued, but the remaining bricks and bricks that have not been placed yet were discussed. Anne Siebecker offered to be the contact person to work with Scott Heck on the placement and improvement of the bricks.

Berta’s Fundraiser: Karen Marcus will discuss details with Peter Bernstein about the March 31st event. Committees will be set up in October/November.

Book Sale: Books will be collected 10/8-10/13. Preview will be 10/13 for one hour offered to seniors and Friends’ members. Book Sale will be held on 10/13 ,10/14, 10/15. Amy Geisel has set up a flyer for music students in solo or small groups to perform during those three days. Anne Siebecker offered to read stories upstairs. Susan Rakosi Rosenbloom, Lisa Straubinger and Lisa Petri will serve on a committee for children’s story telling. Susan Rakosi Rosenbloom will contact a neighbor, who does magic tricks. Karen Marcus suggested that two areas upstairs be set up for
refreshments. Eileen Manley will be contacted. A Friends table will be set up and merchandise will be sold.

**Concerts:** Amy Boyle Geisel made a motion, which Susan Rosenbloom seconded, to hire Richard Stillman, of Encore Performing Arts to play a children’s concert on November 10, 2016 for $475.00. The motion passed, pending approval by the Director and the Board. The Friends will have a membership table set up at the concert.

**Community Outreach:** Amy Boyle Geisel made a motion, which Gail Lubot seconded, to approve spending of $25 for a table at the Harvest Festival, October 1,2. Jessica Einreinhof will lead this project. Lisa Petri will look into purchasing a Friends tablecloth.

**Professional Membership:** Amy Boyle Geisel made a motion to spend $25 to join the NJLA Friends Organization. Lisa Straubinger seconded and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Marcus

September 9, 2016