

FRIENDS OF THE RINGWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2025

7:00 pm at the Library and via ZOOM

NOTES

Call to Order 7:05pm

In Attendance: Mike Greene, Amy Boyle Geisel, Fiona Rose and Wendy Sandford, Library Director

Director's Comments: Wendy Sandford welcomed the small group and expressed appreciation for everyone's attendance

Financial Report: WS reported, on behalf of Eileen Manley, that the closing balance as of 1/31/25 was \$29,273.17

Old Business:

- **Paint and Sip followup** - We've had canvases left over but will likely have to purchase more paint next time. Still well received. People have expressed a desire for it to be on Saturdays but the instructor prefers to not teach on weekends. WS thinks that as the weather improves we will see an uptick in participation from seniors for the 6PM events. Next one is scheduled for April 10.
- **Sam's Dine to Donate Wednesday February 26th** - thank you to ABG for her efforts in getting this organized. Flyers are posted and we are hoping that we will get good attendance.
- **St Patrick's Day Fundraiser** - Thank you to Wendy Leine for creating the Sign Up Genius. The only merchandise we have left are some hats and some magnets. We may reduce the hats to \$5. We do need card tables for the TREP\$ kids.
- **Friends meeting alternatives** - WS suggested that the April meeting be less formal, perhaps over cocktails at Sam's or somewhere else, as a way to encourage new members to join us. ABG suggested giving away a Paint and Sip entry fee to a new member who joins us at a meeting. We will discuss further at the March meeting.
- **Merchandise possibilities** - lots of discussion about different types of items. Will continue to discuss.

New Business:

Future volunteering:

1. **Safane Fundraiser Saturday April 5, 2025 6:30PM** - he is bringing his own helpers
2. **Paint and Sip Thursday April 10, 2025 6:00PM** - will publicize when we have the next image
3. **Tea With the First Ladies Saturday April 19, program or fundraiser?** - Same person who did Titanic is creating this opportunity. We will do it as a fundraiser. The caterer will provide food and tea cups, etc. Once we know which first ladies will be discussed we will promote this and encourage attendees to dress for tea, in the style of the era of the first lady. We will need volunteers to set up, serve and clean up.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 20, 2025. Zoom and in person

Adjournment 7:44pm