

FRIENDSHIP FREE LIBRARY
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2023

Attendance: Sue Strickley, Dell Baker, Michelle Baker, Carey Brown, Kay Middaugh, Dee Wolf, Julia (Director)

Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm.

Guests: None

Minutes: Motion to approve September minutes with correction made that wreath cost is actually \$24 and we will sell for \$30, made by Kay. 2nd by Sue. Approved by the board with unanimous vote.

Budget Report: The Baldwin report was reviewed by the Board.

Financial Report: Per Sue Savings \$32,678.62, Checking \$11,305.23, Debit Card \$2,991.51.

LIBRARY REPORT: Board reviewed bylaws and will update at the annual meeting. Our computer use is down from last month.

Several applications for grants are upcoming or in progress. STLS foundation grant to support the 2024 Seed Bank will be submitted with grants awarded in the Spring of 2024. STLS DEI Micro Grants to support inclusive materials to add to our collection will be submitted 10/12/23. Dollar General Literacy Grants for adult and children's literacy opens in January of 2024. Rodney Bennet from the Fillmore library and Allegany Area County Foundation contacted Julia to say they have allocated \$5000 for a library project of our choosing. Julia will contact Bruce Campbell for details.

Julia met with Justin Bennet from BBS accounting to discuss a tentative budget for 2024. Julia will put this together and bring a tentative budget to the November meeting.

Use of library facilities has increased with Allegany Traveling Teachers, ACCORD, and community groups i.e. D&D club, Judo club, as well as members of the public asking to use our facilities. The BoardRoom and the Music Room should be re-evaluated to see if the current set up of the spaces fulfills the needs of the community.

We will be having a book sale October 13th and 14th.

Julia was very excited to learn about the NYS Performers and Programs Database which gives a breakdown of individual performers who have worked with public libraries and schools in NYS. Information includes program details, costs including mileage, and contact information for each performer.

Sue makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Carey. Approved by the board with a unanimous vote.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:27pm

Old business and Some New business was also included in the Library report**