April 7, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Lennie Ambelang, Steve Autenrieth, Bob Baker, Jose Borbolla, Pat Carroll, Jerry Clark, Nancy Goguen, Debbie Heimerl, Dan Lincoln, Gladis Menare, Lori Pakrul, Nancy Verduin, Laura Cole (for Shura Arnold), Skip Orza, Rich Diegnan

President remarks - Nancy
- Storage area - reverting back to Borough
- Storage unit - share with Foundation and Library and split cost
- May need to purchase shelving to maximize space
- Looking at 10x15 rental to start and possibly move down to 10x10
- Jay made motion to approve up to $2000 on rental, seconded by Jose, unanimously approved.
- Volunteer(s) May effort to clean out and move materials. Need to vacate by 5/30.

Vice President Remarks - Vacant - Jose attended Foundation meeting

Recording Secretary - Jay/Lennie
March minutes update noted (Minutes change Wolfgang to Debbie) and approved

Correspondence – Nancy G
None

Treasurer’s report - Bob Baker
- Net assets over $500,00
- Campaign donations approx. $30K from sept to present 166 donors
- See financial report submitted
- Need to have check drafted from library for payment of concert and invoice so Friends can reimburse after event.

Library Update - Laura Cole for Shura
- Tammy Shaw has tendered resignation – plan to hire interim children’s librarian
- Demand for use of space at library has increased and more tables will be added.
- New library hours due to assessment of funds provided by the borough M, T, W 10-8pm Th 1-5pm, Fri 9-5, Sa 10-2, Su 1-5 – 2021 $852,082. 2020 $891,782 2019 $947,630
  o Questions regarding funding vs spending –
  o Nancy V. presented some historical information regarding budget and Borough funding
  o Discussion regarding future income
Reports by committee chairs-

**Programs**- Dan/Pat
- Outdoor concert May 16th 3 PM
- Viva vallenato $600
- Library parking lot (confirmed)
- Discussion regarding cost of stage as well as additional cost for custodian (as required by the School District). Decision to NOT rent stage this year due to cost and logistics.
- Discussion regarding electricity needs and ensuring sufficient access.
- Discussion regarding advertising, ticket reservations and need to include directions on entrance/exit. Line-up at Olcott 2:30 for entrance.
- BPD aware and keeping event within compliance.
- May have more walk ups. Will need to determine how we will handle… row of open spots or let them fill in on sides? Leave dance space
- Discussion regarding State guidelines and compliance. Will need each person to have a ticket – will start with 100 tickets and open up more as we are able.
- Will print flyers and bookmarks to promote – publish on library website – newspaper?

**Public Relations**- Gladis and Jose
- Flyers, social media for May event.
- Include concert article in newsletter for June.

**Fundraising**- Debbie / vacant
- Vintage Camera collection donation- Update from Jay – will continue to try to get in touch with donor
- New letter to go out.

**Finance**- Gerry not in attendance

**Volunteer Recognition**- Lori
- Goodies for the staff
- Brainstormed Other ideas for volunteer recognition besides food?
Nominating - Nancy G
   No new information

Public Comments
   Board of Trustees - Skip
   Recognition of revenue changes from borough
   Foundation - Leslie - not in attendance

Old Business/new business-
   Letters to new homeowners are being generated.

Next board of Directors: May 5, 2021

Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library Key Dates 2021

Meetings
6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 11/3 12/1 if applicable

Concerts:

Annual Campaign: October 2021 (unless foundation has event in Sept- then move to November)

National Friends of the Library Week: October 17-23