Minutes May 4, 2022
7:00 PM Zoom

Call to Order 7:00pm

Members present: Nancy Verduin, Lennie Ambelang, Alee Gunderson, Steve Autenrieth, Nancy Goguen, Bob Baker, Lori Pakrul, Meghan Scott, Debbie Heimerl, Shura Arnold, Dan Lincoln, Elizabeth Bray, Gladis Menare, Jose Borbolla, Victoria Oliveira

President remarks- Nancy V.
- Welcome
- Condolences to the family of Ed English – we appreciate his years of service and support.
- Jay Ambelang has resigned due to time commitments
- Pat Carroll will be moving – more info.
- Meghan volunteered to be back up recorder

Vice President Remarks- Vacant-

Recording Secretary- Jay/Lennie
- Correction to March Minutes – add Dan Lincoln as attendee

Correspondence – Nancy G
- No updates

Treasurer’s report- Bob Baker
- $1,345 in donation as well as negligible amount from Amazon Smile
- Approximately $1,000 on Maker’s Day with total contribution to library - $3,112
- Storage unit raising price $20/month
- Income tax 990 has been completed and signed for 501c3 designation – NJ filing due in June
- Total fundraising at $35K – set to exceed last year by campaign end in August

Library Update- Shura Arnold
- Newsletter update – increase in cost primarily due to inconsistencies with post office stops per route, will eliminate PO BOX delivery
- Jerry and Fran Fisher donation to provide Science programs for children – these have been developed and soon will be publicized. May encourage further patron funded programs.

Reports by committee chairs-

Finance: Elizabeth

Programs: Dan/Pat
- Two areas of positive feedback – events – specifically movies and concerts
  o Need potentially 2 roles to fill – one person to help pick movies and second to help coordinate scheduling. Shura suggests using more recent movies to hold audience.
Jerry and Lennie have agreed to co-chair
Dan also suggests if anyone knows a movie aficionado that may join library board specifically for movie programming

- **Concerts** – Michaela McClain - no response since last follow up email
  - Reached out to Diane and Richard Barros – Carole King tribute
  - Library hours Sat 10-2, Sun closed July

**Movie series**
April 29 2022  *Kiss the Ground (2020)*
May 20, 2022  *Knives Out*

**Fundraising** - Debbie / vacant
- Mini-golf event – When meeting with Downtown Bernardsville, a lot of positive feedback from community – will resume planning for 2022-23 in September
- Help with Library campaign letter – ideas for theme?

**Nomination committee** - Nancy G
- Still looking for new members!!

**Public Relations** - Gladis and Jose
- Will increase publicity via community folder (run for several weeks) once schedule is determined

**Volunteer Recognition** - Lori
- Youth volunteer program is now up and running - should we include in recognition (usually done in June)
- Spring luncheon may not make sense right now, but will brainstorm something for the next meeting

**Public Comments**

**Foundation** - Leslie
- We are moving the meeting to the 17th, place to be determined. A steering committee meeting for the event has been moved to the 12th because of some COVID issues. The event for September will be virtual because the wine vendors are still restricted on public events. Our appeal letter will hopefully go out in May. Our Library Giving Day raised $3870 for the endowment.

**Old Business/new business**
- Nancy will send out info from the survey that pertains to FOBPL.
- Many responses related to offerings that the library has that the public is simply not aware of – ie digital borrowing
- Participation in other community events??? Giving out books or bookbags at car show? National Night out?

Adjourned 8:00pm