Call to order 7:02pm

Members present:


Presidents remarks- Nancy Verduin

Recognition: Jamie Bertoni, Gerry O’Donovan

Nominating Committee- Nancy Goguen

- Nomination to extend terms for Nancy V., Bob, Lori, and Victoria.
- 2nd by Debbie H. – motion passes
- Will look for new members by word of mouth and announcement via social media.
- Candidates for Board members (officers and chairs to be discussed in reorganization meeting)

Finance Committee-
--Presentation of the 2022 Annual Budget- Elizabeth

- Discussion regarding strong cash position and utilization of funds.
- Moving into strategic planning season when potential requests will be considered
- Nancy G. moved to adopt budget, 2nd by Alee G. – motion passes.
November 3, 2021
Reorganization meeting
Follow immediately after annual meeting

7:15pm

President remarks- Nancy V.

Nomination committee- Nancy G
- Officers and committee chairs – all members agreed to stay. Committees and chair/co-chairs need to be reorganized

Foundation - Leslie
- Leslie – 2 new members (Bernie/Al)
- Non-event ends Mon night 7pm
  - $875 in ticket sales
  - Approx. $1700 in mystery bag/wine sales
  - 50/50 still doing well
  - Positioned to exceed last year’s fundraiser

Board of Trustees – Skip
- Still working on Strategic Planning and awaiting finalization of the survey

Vice President Remarks- Vacant-

Recording Secretary- Jay/Lennie
- Oct Minutes- updates – file was not readable, will send out and respond via email if changes.

Correspondence – Nancy G
- No updates

Treasurer’s report- Bob Baker
- See Financial summary
- $22,000 so far this year donated back to library
- Discussion regarding alternative methods for donations

Request by Meaghan Darling to roll over the remaining funding $2,900 (or final amount) of the Children’s enrichment budget allocation. It will be used to launch the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program- Spring 2022. Funding will be used for reading recognition prizes and enrichment of the print collection for young readers.
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Library Update- Shura Arnold

- Thank you from staff members for gift baskets
- Monthly update –
  - 100+ at kid friendly ‘rock’ event
  - KCC
  - Family Halloween event
  - Upcoming events – Sing a Story (Thurs), Dinosaur puppet show (Fri)
- Material circulation and downloadable audio trending up, while other downloadables vary – Circulation currently trending approx. 65% pre-pandemic level
- Coming up on 1 yr with MAIN approx. 5-600 coming in and 1,000 going out and being renewed

Reports by committee chairs-

Programs- Dan/Pat (not present)

- Movie series- dates/volunteers (1 per movie)
  - October 22nd- Green Book- Recap- no attendees
    - Will continue to publicize for now.
  - November 19th- Little Women
  - December 17th- Nomadland
  - January 21st- Here Today
  - February 18th- Kiss the Ground
- Concert – contact made with a Jazz group as previous performer considered is not performing at this time

Volunteer Recognition- Lori

- Gift Cards for the staff were presented in gift bags- very well received by staff
  - Gift cards purchased from local vendors that have previously supported the library
- Will coordinate bags for staff for December

Public Relations- Gladis and Jose

- Clarification of promotion for upcoming movies

Fundraising- Debbie / vacant

- Campaign task force letter to printer – on schedule to release at the end of the month
- Mini Golf discussion (returning hole sponsors- Yes- 8, No- 2, Pending- 8)
  - Outlook good regarding hold sponsors
  - Discussion regarding holding date – Tentative 3/26
Old Business/new business- meeting dates for 2022

Next board of Directors: January 5th

**Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library Key Dates 2022**

**Meetings**  
1/5, 2/2, 3/3, 4/6, 5/4, 6/1, 7/6, 8/3, 9/7, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7 if needed

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55pm