

Friends of the Dorothy Alling Memorial Library

November 5, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:05.

Present: Shannon Hiltner, Libby Marshall, Barbara Mieder, Marti Fiske, Esther Perelman, Ann Park

Minutes of the 9/10/2018 meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's report: checking account \$15,886.84, CDs \$12,362.21 & \$10,438.71

Correspondence: Community Bank offer for a business credit card, advertisement for pens w/ FODAL on them. The group decided not to pursue either offer.

Librarian's Report: Annual statistics report is almost done and will be sent to the state then on to the national level; Marti has recently had town operating and capital meetings with the Town Manager; Strategic Plan draft will be done this week then go to the staff for revisions and to the Trustees for final revisions and approval. This plan is done every 5 years.

October Event: It was an excellent talk with very few attendees and delicious refreshments. The group discussed the idea that fall is not a good time for events. We are considering sponsoring an adult/family event in July or August to complement the Summer Reading Program. Marti will talk with Jill and Kathy about possibilities.

Book moving on 11/18/18. Marti has 2 young people who will move, stack, and wrap the books. The books will be stored on the entry patio and picked up Monday afternoon between 2-5pm. The Friends are paying these young people \$15/hour.

Holiday Event: On 12/1. Marcy Hernandez will provide music. There will be the Gingerbread House project which Jill will organize and Judy Isham with some teen volunteers will oversee that activity. The event starts at 10:30. The Friends will provide cider and coffee for adults. Joanne will provide her usual gourmet refreshments.

Brick Church Event: January 11, 2019.

April Family Event: Jill is exploring possible programs. She is looking into nature-oriented programs as those seem to be the most popular.

Election of officers: The proposed slate was elected unanimously: President – Joanne Arsenault, Vice-President – Shannon Hiltner, Secretary/Treasurer – Ann Park, Trustee Liaison – Barbara Mieder

Ann offered to take over the scheduling/reminders for volunteers for the Book Sale.

Financial Discussion: Marti explained the parameters of the Vermont Community Fund and how the Trustees receive a portion of the income that their principal in the Fund generates. She also explained the requirements for using Community Fund monies. One strict requirement is that funds may not be used for operating budget expenses. The Trustees and Friends fund some of the same things such as pilot programs, staff going to conferences, and roof replacement.

Next Meeting will be March 11, 2019 at 7pm