

Meeting called to order at 1:30 PM by Donna Englander, President.

**Present:** Donna Englander, Anne Fisher, Leila Glaser, Hannah Darling, Becky Plimpton, Carrie Braney, Amy Kearns, Alice Kao and Bailey Applegate.

**Minutes:** approved

**Director's report:**

- Summer Reading Program: sign up starts soon, program starts 6/11. The children's, YA and adult programs all have online programs, in addition to in-person programs, with separate prizes for each. People can do both or choose one to participate. Becky showed a sample of the tickets that were made in-house this year, for only \$200, with a savings of around \$300. We have programs going and we are working on the sign-up sheets.
- You Belong Here campaign is ready to roll out at the end of next week. Press release is going out and the committee is working on finishing the programming through the summer and will take a look in fall as well. We are contacting businesses in town to display our package (books, bookmarks, etc.) for community read (adult/YA: *American Street*, middle reader: *The Year I Flew Away*, picture book: *My Day with Panya*.) Book discussion will be held by a Tantasqua English teacher during the first week of August. Becky went to the Sturbridge town hall and got approved of having a large banner of about 4' x 12' to go on the back of the library building. She also showed samples of the banner, the bookmark and the buttons. Programs coming up include: Juneteenth virtual painting program (6/8), kids' story time based on the book *The Sandwich Swap* (6/23), virtual Ellis Island presentation by a NYC tour guide in July, and Ted Reinstein will be in October. Hannah will help with an email blast advertising for our YBH program to be sent with the Wednesday puzzles. Becky is in charge of the press release and Pat for the summer reading program.
- New instagram account for JHPL is active.
- 125th anniversary committee has some things coming up but won't be until fall. Friends to help with advertising and programs.
- Hannah will work on a tri-fold pamphlet about the Friends and Donna will edit it.
- Online book discussions (YBH): adult/YA rapid fire recommendations. Discussion about books with handouts via Zoom, maybe in July.

**Treasurer's report:**

Income:

- April net income was about \$4,084, membership income is \$6,839, which is more than \$3,000 over this time last year. Book sale in April was \$907 and \$1,168.50 in May.
- Non-profit accounting term change: income statement or statement of activities?
- Hannah suggested having a column for next year's budget. Becky will send a library document as a suggestion/sample. If we feel the need we will start next year.

- Annual tax return was filed in May.

**Expense:**

- prizes for summer reading program
- supplies for YA program
- Ellis Island virtual tour in July
- the button machine (did get a reimbursement from the town)

**Newsletter**

- Newsletter articles due 7/10 for the newsletter to be out 7/14, prior to the book sale in mid-August.
- The following newsletter will be in September in time to announce the Annual Meeting.
- Ellen will write a tribute to Elaine to be included. Will also include articles on the Book Sale and Summer Reading Program.

**Website:**

- Many of the museum passes are outdated. We may have to order new ones.
- We need to figure out what museums are honoring after a year of covid.
- Regular bookmark contest this year. Will go in the bag with the summer reading program (6/11-8/11), themed "Tails and Tales." Bookmark designs are due 8/1. 8/11 will be the last day of the summer reading program and ice cream truck. It starts at 2:00 and we will do the bookmark awards at 1:30.
- Special themed bookmark contest next year to go with the 125th celebration.

**Book sale recap:**

- We made \$1,168.50!
- We had a lot of young people (in their 20s) who came towards the end and bought a lot of stuff.
- We are getting low on books and are hoping we can start taking donations again at the beginning of July after the computers are moved back upstairs.
- The library will be opening for regular hours on 6/28.

**Others:**

- Geraniums out front: bill to the town except tax not included.
- Next meeting: thinking about our next annual meeting.

**Next meeting: June 17th, 2021 at 12:30pm in Donna's backyard!**