

**Friends of the Hackettstown Library, Inc.**

**Minutes of the Meeting    February 20, 2024**

**Present:** Paul Bartkus and Phyllis Bartkus and Rita Keene via Zoom, Debra DeFazio, Nick Ferrelli, Kathy Mayberry, Bev Saunders, Yoli Worth, Jerry Galante

**The Annual Reorganization Meeting** was called to order by President Paul Bartkus at 2:05 pm. The meeting was originally meant to be held on February 13, but was cancelled and rescheduled for February 20 due to town buildings being closed because of a snowstorm.

**Election of Officers:** Paul presented the slate of unopposed officers as  
Yoli Worth for President  
No Candidate to Vice President  
Nick Ferrelli for Treasurer  
Beverly Saunders for Secretary

No additional nominations were presented from the floor at the meeting. The slate was adopted by acclamation. Subsequent to the election, Yoli presided over the remainder of the meeting. The new officers agreed to solicit a candidate for Vice President in a timely manner.

**Treasurer's Report:** The **December report** indicated an ending balance of \$3,863.08. The deposits were \$353.05 from PayPal, \$100.00 return of seed money, \$635.00 profit from Holiday Mini-Bazaar, another PayPal at \$195.53, \$10.00 dues from Kathy Garlick, \$12.00 from Kathy Mayberry to order a homemade cake, \$25.00 donation from Sally Sprinkle, and \$10.00 dues each Nancy Roberts-Lawlor, Christine Mileski, Aiden Loevlie, Rita Keene, Burcu Durmus, Larien Babajian, Samantha Linehan. Disbursements were \$100.00 for the Holiday Mini-Bazaar, and \$250.00 cash to buy gift cards at WaWa for our library staff. Restriction of \$1500.00 still applies for the Ann Marie Bleach donation. Kathy M. made a motion to approve, Deb DeFazio seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The **January report** had an ending balance of \$3,883.08 reflecting a deposit of \$20.00 dues from Anita & John Holochwost and no disbursements. Restriction of \$1500.00 still applies for the Ann Marie Bleach donation. Paul made a motion to approve, Kathy M. seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Signatories:** Paul made a motion that our newly elected President, Yoli Worth, and our newly elected Treasurer, Nick Ferrelli, be added as signatories for the Fulton bank checking account #0207004285. He also made a motion that Ms. Worth and Mr. Ferrelli take on the responsibility for the PayPal account. Phyllis approved, and the motions passed unanimously.

**Secretary's Report:** The Minutes of our December 12 meeting were approved by Kathy M and seconded by Debra DeFazio with the provision that "members in attendance" be amended to include Debra DeFazio and Christine Mileski.

**Membership:** Our new members are Debra DeFazio, Christina Mileski, Taylor Russack, Rita Keene, Aidan Loevlie, Burcu Durmus, Lorien Babajian, Samantha Linehan, Nancy Roberts-Lawlor, Holly Turner, and William Brennan.

**Time for our Meetings:** According to Jerry's survey, 66% of respondents chose 6:00 pm. This will allow members still reporting to a day job to get to the meetings. Bev made a motion to approve, Nick seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**April Used Books Sale:** To be held the last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, that is April 25, 26, and 27. Thursday 9 to 8, Friday 9 to 5, Saturday 10 to 1. We have permission from our Library Director to finish take-down on Monday, beginning at 8:30 am, to be finished by 10:30 a.m.

Set up will begin on Wednesday, the 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am. Kathy M made a motion to approve, Deb DeFazio seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Bev will distribute PR, being careful include "cash only."

Book Collection will begin on Monday, April 1.

**DVDs from Centenary Univ and HFPL:** Nick Ferrelli selected saleables at Centenary and our library has about 200 to sell. Kathy M offered to buy plastic bins; Yoli suggested that we call on our members to borrow a few. We'll include these DVDs in our upcoming book sale. A special "DVD Sale" will be held later in the year.

**Grant:** Holly Turner/ Raising Hands, postponed until she can attend our meeting.

**Request from HFPL:** Our Director asked that the \$1500.00 donation from Ann Marie Bleach, for the purpose of children's activities, be turned over to our library. Kathy M approved, Nick seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Next meeting** to be held on April 9, 6:00 pm, in our Library Conference Room.

**Adjourned** at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Beverly Saunders*

Recording Secretary

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