

FRIENDS' REPORT TO TRUSTEES

Friends of the Catskill Public Library and Palenville Branch, Inc.

April 17, 2024

Highlights of April 3, 2024 Friends' Meeting

The following actions were taken at the April 3 meeting:

The *By-Laws of the Catskill Public Library and Palenville Branch* were unanimously approved and adopted, 4.3.24 Version.

The *Conflict of Interest Policy* was unanimously approved and adopted, 4.3.24 Version

The document *Unanimous Written Consent of the Board of Directors* was approved and adopted, 4.3.24 Version

Documents were sent to Board members by Christopher Leary for Docusign signatures.

Attached please find copies for Board of Trustees records.

Additionally, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Friends, Trustees, Director approved by Friends in September 2023 will be presented to the Trustees for review and signature at the April meeting. (also attached)

Treasurer's Report

A deposit of \$1,032.53 was made in the Friends account, a transfer from the Library account from formerly terminated Friends group. Total balance effective 4.3.24 = \$1,439.53.

The Friends applied for the Catskill Community Center grant in the amount of \$2,500. If approved, awards will be made within the month of April. Grant applications to CCC can be made quarterly. **NEWS FLASH: On Friday afternoon, 4.12.24, we were notified that the Friends were awarded \$1,500 from CCC. The application was for the Friends sponsorship of a *Day of Enchantment for Children, Youth and Families* as part of our Friends Membership activities.**

Upcoming Events and Activities: Soup Night at Griffin House in Palenville & Participation in Memorial Day Parade and Catskill Farmer's Markets

It was agreed that the Friends will continue to work to coordinate a Soup Night and/or Burger Night in conjunction with Griffin House in Palenville. It is desirable to do so on an upcoming Thursday evening when the library is open. Lysa Opfer from the Friends Board is working with Griffin House to flesh out dates and details.

It was agreed that the Friends and the Library Director and staff will work together to coordinate participation in the Memorial Day Parade. Ideas for possible float, banner, marching and give-a-ways are in the works. Don't miss this all-time Town/Village event, May 27 starting at 2PM.

It was agreed that the Friends will participate in the Catskill Farmer's Market, once each month, starting Sundays May 26 – October 27. Christopher and Joy met with the Catskill Farmer's Market Co-Directors to collaborate activities for children and families at the Catskill Farmers Market the 4th Sunday of each month.

Some great ideas were shared, going forward. Participation in the Palenville Farmer's Market on Saturdays this Season is also an option but no plan is in place to do so just yet.

Anticipated Next steps:

Membership materials to be developed and Membership drive to commence.

Filing with IRS for tax exempt status.

Next Friends Meeting: First Wednesday of Month, May 1, 2024

The Friends will continue to meet the First Wednesday of the month at 6 PM at the Catskill Public Library and by Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joy DeVita

Friends of the Catskill Public Library and Palenville Branch, Inc.