

FRIENDS' REPORT TO TRUSTEES

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

May 15, 2024

Highlights of May 1, 2024 Friends' Meeting

The May 1, 2024 Board Meeting of the Friends Group was cancelled due to not having a quorum present at the meeting. An Executive Session of the Board is scheduled for next week to attend to agenda items requiring timely consideration.

Treasurer's Report

Total balance effective 5.15.24 = \$1,439.53.

The \$1,500 grant awarded from the Catskill Community Center has not yet arrived.

We did receive our first "Editor" Member and check in the amount of \$50.00. Thrilled!

Recent Connections and Workshops:

There were 3 workshops recently attended pertinent to the Friends:

- FLS Connections: Succession Planning April 9, 2024 (held virtual, Joy attended, Minutes available)
- MHLS Member Library Friends Group Meetup April 16, 2024 Kinderhook Library (in person, Notes available)
- NYLA-FLS: Creating and Supporting a Friends Group for Your Library May 9, Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library) (in person, Joy attended, Materials available, great networking with Upper Hudson Friends group and received a tour of Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library – wowza!)

Meeting with Robert H, Director, Beatie Powers, to review venue for potential Friends activities. Participated in library Earth Day activity while there.

Fully utilized the resources of Library Assistants Allie and Jess (at CPL) in tutorial on Canva to develop Membership drive materials. Here's a glimpse of LOGO and Membership Form pending Friends Board final approval.



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Attended Library Budget Presentation at CHS library on May 8. Great presentation –Well done!

Promoting "Get out and Vote" among Friends, relatives, neighbors and community members.

Reached out to NYLA re: budget development resources for newly formed Friends Groups.

Upcoming Events and Activities:

Membership materials are to be further developed and Board approved. Membership drive to commence.

Filing with IRS for tax exempt status. EZ form will be utilized with assistance from Nancy Sciocchetti.

Coordinate a Soup Night and/or Burger Night in conjunction with Griffin House in Palenville. TBD

Friends and the Library Director and staff will work together to coordinate participation in the Memorial Day Parade. Don't miss this all-time Town/Village event, May 27 starting at 2PM.

Friends will participate in the Catskill Farmer's Market, once each month, starting Sundays May 26 – October 27. We'll be ready to dazzle market attendees with an activity, promote the library and recruit Friends Members. See you at the Community Tent the 4th Sunday each month, starting May 26, 2024, 10-2.

Next Friends Meeting: First Wednesday of Month, June 5, 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.