

FRIENDS' REPORT TO TRUSTEES

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

June 18, 2024

Highlights of June 11, 2024 Friends' Meeting

The June 11, 2024 Board Meeting of the Friends Group was well attended and held at 1 Franklin Street in the DVD/video room. An Executive Session of the Board was held May 15, 2024 due May's BOD meeting cancellation. Both meetings were focused on the details of kicking off the FRIENDS Membership drive.

A Preliminary Budget was reviewed by the Board.

The Membership Drive will consist of facilitating a mailing with Membership Form, creating social media presence and access to membership sign up including Friends website, Facebook and Instagram accounts and an interface on the library's website. Friends will work in gaining sponsorship at and for events. A date of September 15, 2024 was established for the Day of Enchantment at Dutchman's Landing. Work is underway for swag design and ordering. We agreed that PayPal and Square will be set up to facilitate membership payment. A monthly presence and family friendly activity at the Catskill Farmer's Market with the Library (last Sunday of month) will continue throughout October. On June 30th we will be creating bug houses/hotels made from recycled materials.

The Friends Board meeting has been changed to the Second Tuesday of the Month on a go-forward basis.

Treasurer's Report

Total balance effective 6.18.24 = \$ 3,019.53.

The \$1,500 grant awarded from the Catskill Community Center has been deposited and 2 memberships (1 Author, 1 Editor) couldn't wait for our drive to kick off and forwarded checks.

Treasurer Dave Snyder presented a preliminary budget in keeping with first year's operation.

Upcoming Events and Activities:

Membership materials are under development and pending final Board approval.

Filing with IRS for tax exempt status. EZ form will be utilized with assistance from Nancy Sciocchetti. Scheduled 6/28/24.

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

Friends and the Library Director and staff worked together to coordinate participation in the Memorial Day Parade. Huge success!

Friends and the library will participate in the Catskill Farmer's Market, once each month, starting Sundays May 26 – October 27. Our kick off was Memorial Day weekend, May 26. Also a huge success! We'll be ready to dazzle market attendees with an activity, promote the library and recruit Friends Members. See you at the Community Tent, June 30th and the 4th Sunday each month, 10-2.

In June we will be making bug houses/hotels with recycled materials. Library staff are a tremendous asset at the Farmer's Market Community/Children's tent. We are grateful for their participation.

Next Friends Meeting: Second Tuesday of Month, July 9, 2024

Meeting change: The Friends will meet the Second Tuesday of the month at 6 PM at the Catskill Public Library and by Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

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