

# FRIENDS' REPORT TO TRUSTEES

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

August 21, 2024

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## Highlights of August 13, 2024 Friends' Meeting

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The August 13, 2024 Board Meeting of the Friends Group was held at 1 Franklin Street and by Google Meet. There was not a quorum present and therefore the meeting was informational. There were items in need of expediting so Board members responded by proxy within 24 hours of the meeting.

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## Treasurer's Report

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Total balance effective 8.13.24 = \$ 3, 714.95.

Paypal and Square have been established and are in use. PayPal is active on Membership Forms via QR code and is "live" on the Friends section of the library website, [www.catskillpubliclibrary.org/friends-of-the-library](http://www.catskillpubliclibrary.org/friends-of-the-library). Square is loaded on 2 devices so Membership payment may be received at events.

Director's and Officers Liability Policy quote was received from Marshall Sterling and Board Members responded via proxy to proceed with acquisition of this policy.

The IRS Form EZ 1023 has been completed and reviewed by attorney for submission. Upon review by IRS (2-4 week period) the Friends will be granted tax exempt status. This will allow for use of tax exempt certificates with purchases and a charitable interest rate with PayPal transactions. Upon receipt of this certification, the Friends must also file with the Charities Bureau of the NYS Attorney General's Office.

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## Membership Drive and Status

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Total Current Memberships = 17 This includes READER (3) AUTHOR (7) EDITOR (3) PUBLISHER (0) ARISTOCAT (4).

Membership swag is still under development and we are working with a local artist for design.

There were two recent occasions for "tabling" and Member acquisition which included the Farmer's Market in collaboration with the library (7/28) and First Night Catskill (8/2). Both occasions were successful in promoting the Friends in support of the library.

There are upcoming opportunities for Membership acquisition which include future tabling events, promotional materials at Circulation Desks at Libraries, Mailings, and promotion at library and upcoming Friends events.

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## Afternoon of Enchantment: September 15, 2024 Dutchman's Landing 2-4 PM

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The Afternoon of Enchantment is the Friends inaugural event. It will take place on September 15, 2024 from 2-4 PM at Dutchman's Landing. The Day of Enchantment is a Children, Youth and Family event and will include Puppetry, Live Music, Stiltwalker, Lawn Activities (parachute play, juggling, hula hooping,

bubble-making), Crafting and more. We have obtained additional funding through sponsorships for this event. Funding was originally granted by the Catskill Community Center.

The event will be widely advertised through social media, posters, postcards and through the schools and local businesses. Board members and Volunteers have stepped up to help in preparation for this event and the day of the event. Gratitude to Mindy Leek of the Friends Board who has served as Event Coordinator.

Thanks to Trustee Mike M, we are pursuing an alternative location in case of rain. Fingers crossed that it will be a *beautiful sunny enchanting afternoon*. Hope to see you there!

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### Upcoming Events and Activities

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Afternoon of Enchantment - September 15, 2024 2-4 PM Dutchman's Landing

Labeling events: Circle W in Palenville - August 30, 2024 11-2

First Friday Catskill - September 6, 2024 5-8

Farmer's Market with the Library - 4th Sunday of the Month 8/25, 9/29 & 10/27

Presentation to the Rotary Club - August 27, 2024

Book Swap and Mingle TBD

Author's Event TBD

Annual Meeting - in combination with Event

\*NYLA Event: August 15, 2024 Beekman Library (Joy attended)

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Next Friends Meeting: Second Tuesday of Month, September 10, 2024, 6PM at 1 Franklin Street or by Google Meet.

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**Respectfully Submitted,**

Joy DeVita

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