

**FRIENDS OF THE BEL AIR LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

MONDAY OCTOBER 23, 2023 6:00PM

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Amy Cedrone, Annie Kovach, Lynn Garrison, Pat Easter, Carole Conrad, Bonnie Bailey, Bill and Marie Kridenoff, Dawn Grandizio, Leslie and Cliff Riden, Luvenia Woodward, Cheryl DeScipio and, Deborah Decker.

Ms. Cedrone commenced the meeting at 6:00. The August 28, 2023 minutes were approved by all. Mr. Garrison presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:

a/o 08/29/2023: Checking Account balance: \$1,679.21 Savings Account balance: \$11,197.29

a/o 10/17/2023: Checking Account balance: \$1,2858.96 Savings Account balance: \$11,197.38

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: The Gala will be on Saturday, November 4, 2023. The tickets that came with our sponsorship will go to the staff of the Bel Air Branch.

BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT: Ms Kovach presented a request from librarians, Bethany and Nancy for a "Hand Sewn Ornament" program to happen on 12/9/23 for children ages 8 and up. The children will be supplied with embroidery hoops, floss, needles and patterns. The cost of \$50 was approved by all. A second request for a Holiday Wreath Making project for \$150 was also approved for a total of \$200.

NEW BUSINESS: There were no out of cycle requests. Profit from the Fall Book sale was \$9,860.25. Profit from the Children's Book sale in September was \$1,319.50. The Friends discussed feedback from the fall sale to better streamline future ones. We will have a Potluck dinner on Monday 10/30/23 at the Bel Air Branch for the volunteers of the Fall book sale. Costumes are encouraged but not necessary. Contact Ms. Cedrone with any questions at cedrone.amy@gmail.com. Dates for the next "Holiday" Pop Up sale were agreed upon and are as follows: Sale November 18, 23 10am-4pm and will include children's and adult's holiday books, CD's, DVD's.

The Spring Adult book sale will be Thursday 4/11/24 12noon-7:30pm for "Members Only", Friday 4/12/24 10am-4pm, Saturday 4/13/24 10am-4pm, and Monday 4/15/24 (\$5/bag day) 10am-6pm. Donation days: 3/2/24, 3/9/24, 3/16/24, 3/23/24.

The Spring Children's book sale will Thursday 4/25/24 10am-7:30pm, Friday 4/26/24 10am-4:pm, and Saturday 4/27/24 10am-4pm. Set up is Wednesday 4/24/24.

The 2024 Summer Reading program, "Adventure Begins at your Library" sponsorship was decided to be at the \$5,000 level.

The 2023 Winter Reading program, "Book Your Journey" sponsorship amount will be decided after a few questions are cleared up with Amber Schrodes.

OLD BUSINESS: A reminder that no account is necessary to access the Friends' Facebook page and that the Bel Air Friends now have a QR code that can be scanned for upcoming events. See below:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089242780747>.

Bel Air Friend's Facebook page continues to have good traffic and several new memberships have resulted from our online presence.

There being no further business, Ms. Cedrone adjourned the meeting at 6:48pm. The next meeting of the Friends of the Library Board of Directors will be on Monday, November 27, 2023 at 6:00pm at The



Bel Air Branch of HCPL. All friends are encouraged and welcome to attend.
Respectfully submitted, Pat Easter, Secretary