

Annual General Meeting Minutes  
Friends of the Berkshire Athenaeum  
October 19, 2017

Amy opened the meeting at 3 p.m. Approximately 50 people were in attendance, including the Executive Committee. Catherine VanBremer from the mayor's office read the proclamation for Friends of the Library Week.

Marilyn Manning gave a report on the varied programs she has arranged for the Library. These are free of charge, along with her specialty cookies.

Nancy McNabb stated that she became chairperson for the book sales in 2009. Since then, there has been \$287,000 raised for the Athenaeum, along with \$14,500 from the lobby sales. She presented samples of some of the exemplary books that are offered for sale.

Ross Shuart, editor of the newsletter, and reviewer of rare books, reported that the newsletter has grown from four to six pages. 650 copies are sent out.

James Arpante, Publicity, commented that the publicity generated is more to promote ourselves, as Friends. We will be advertising in the Gazette and The Eagle for the next book sale. James welcomes any suggestions.

Amy presented the statistics associated with membership for Carol Maynard, Chairperson: 47% are active at the present time. Members from 2015 – 2016 and earlier are considered lapsed. However, data is archived and people are welcome to renew. Most of our new members are a result of the book sale.

Florian Ptak, acting treasurer, presented the budget. He commented that a goal would be to bring our assets down to level, and not with a lot of surplus. Our assets as of 6/30/17 are \$60,157.99.

Amy presented a montage of articles for the Library that were purchased because of membership and book sales.

The slate of officers for the Executive Committee is as follows:

Amy Chin	President
Vicki Donahue	Vice President
Robert Bresnahan	Treasurer
Jeanne Bresnehan	Secretary
Florian Ptak	Executive Committee and Acting Treasurer
Ed Reilly	Executive Committee

The meeting closed at 3:50

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Bresnehan