

Friends of the Berkshire Athenaeum  
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

December 14, 2017

In Attendance:

Nancy McNabb  
Ross Shuart  
Amy Chin  
Marilyn Manning  
Alex Reczkowski  
Sharon & Art Larsen  
Vicki Donahue  
James Arpante

Amy opened the meeting at 3 p.m.

The Minutes of November 9 were approved. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed.

Two thank you notes were received: one from Nan Pearson for her retirement gift, and another from Sarah Soggian for our support with MSL.

Pat McLeod acknowledged a \$100 donation from the Friends for the legislative breakfast on January 26th.

A book will be donated in memory of Ruth George, Nancy McNabb's mother. Nancy explained that her mother was interested in genealogy and history. Madeline Kelly and Kathy Reilly will select an appropriate title.

Library Director's Report:

Books and materials for the Children's library are somewhat behind because of the librarian vacancy.

New cameras are available in the tech department.

The children's programs are proceeding with the "Lego Movie" and "Despicable Me", along with the Firebird Puppet Show.

LED lighting is coming down in price, so that is being considered

New Ellison die cuts for projects are appreciated.

The Library Staff Support fund generated by the Friends is very much appreciated, especially at this time of year.

### Membership Report:

New memberships for October were 23, and 36 were renewals. The new 23 memberships were the ½ price arrangements for "Friends' Week".

November new memberships were 33, and 15 renewals.

### Programs:

Marilyn reported that she has finished programs for the first half of the season. There was good attendance at most of them.

Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, will feature the Sweet Adelines singing group.

The first "Very Interesting Lecture" will take place on January 20<sup>th</sup>, at 1 p.m., hosted by James Arpante. The second will take place on January 27<sup>th</sup>, featuring Paul Rocheleau.

### Newsletter:

A four-page newsletter is scheduled to be printed before Christmas. It should reach the public by the first of the year. There will be information available advising patrons that they may select print or email newsletters.

### Publicity:

James submitted a good will Thanksgiving ad in the Eagle and intends to do the same for the upcoming Holidays.

Book Sale:

Nancy reported that there are two new volunteers.

Ed Jurczyk has been out because of a dislocated shoulder.

Library Store:

New novelty magnets have been placed in the case in the Main Library.

Book Sorter Recognition:

A committee is being formed for a luncheon in April. Board members are invited to get banquet information when visiting restaurants. A date will be established at the January meeting .

The meeting adjourned at 4 pm.

The next meeting will be January 11<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Bresnehan