

## **Minutes of the June 27, 2023 RFRR Board Information Session**

Kirstin Bucci started the meeting 7:35. There being no quorum, the meeting was conducted for discussion purposes only and no votes were taken. No one from the public was in attendance.

### **President's Report**

Kirstin had no report.

### **Staff Reports**

#### **Director's Report**

Chris attended the scholar athlete luncheon held by the Lion's Club. Chris had a productive meeting with the City Manager regarding repairs to the sea wall. The City will act as our agent in applying for grants which opens up more possibilities. Chris also attended the collaborative meeting with the five major non-profits in town. Fundraising events and their scheduling was discussed.

#### **Adult Services**

Catherine reported that the floral arrangement program was so popular that there had to be two sessions. Twenty people have signed up for the adult summer reading program so far.

#### **Teen Services**

Catherine reported that the library shared a table at the pRYEde event with Harrison and Port Chester/Rye Brook libraries.

#### **Children's Services**

Catherine reported that Blue Skies Camp is bringing 4 groups to the library for 7 weeks. Rye Rec camp is also coming to the library. Story Time at the Beach starts on July 7. Lisa ordered over 1,000 new books in May. They are starting to arrive just in time for the new shelves.

Catherine reported on the Summer Reading Kick-Off which was held on Saturday, June 24. It featured the Squeaky Clean Band, an open mic event and a craft project. She showed the Board what Summer Reading participants in each of the three categories received including tote bags, gift certificates, raffle tickets, etc.. There was a discussion on how the summer reading program was marketed.

### Auxiliary Board

Diane reported that the book sale would be held on September 9 and 10. Last year it raised \$11,000. Planning for Casino Night on November 14 is continuing. The ticket price will be \$275. The fundraising goal is \$50,000. All the vendors have been booked. Tickets go on sale on August 15. Planning for Novel Night in 2024 is also ongoing. The social media strategy has been updated to include promotion of library events as well as Auxiliary Board events. New members were added in June.

### Annual Campaign

Lisa reported on new aspects to the campaign in order to increase the library's membership. There was a discussion of the proposed new membership categories. Read Ready Rye was also discussed as a possible membership benefit.

### Building Projects

Chris provided an update on the landscaping plans. There was also a discussion on the proposed replacement of the boiler and a possible grant for partial funding.

The meeting ended at 8:57.