

Friends of the Kingston Library
Meeting Minutes 8/11/2026 **6P- 7P**
Monthly: Topic: Friends of Kingston Library
61 Crown St. Kingston, NY 12401
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Meeting ID: 850 2023 6289
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Call to order: 6:03 pm

Roll Call/ Introductions: Heather Ohlson, Peter LeVangia, Susan Ragusa, Vaidya Gullapalli, Denise Harnly, Marybeth ?, Kathryn Brignac, Maybe Matters, Emily Ricci, Heather Atterbury

Minutes Approval: 1st Denise, 2nd Kathryn, unan.

Reporting:

President Report by Heather O:

- Erica Fox-Boyd has stepped down from role of Vice President
- Kudos to Kathryn & her partner for the beautiful Little Free Library dedication and secure mounting base at the LYE parklet; the event went very well

Financials by Peter:

- We have over \$55,000 in savings at Rondout Savings Bank
- We have over \$100,000 in Community Foundations
- We had a few donations on Zeffy
- Heather O. has receipts for postage

Library Director Report by Margie: not present

Liaison to the Board's Report by Gerry: not present

Executive Committee by Heather O:

- Erica did not respond to registered letter so we take that as a resignation; we will take nominations for position of Vice President in September
- We will pursue an audit of FoKL after we return to Franklin St when we are able to establish an office space
- The postage permit application is in process
- We will have our mobile LFL at the Kingston Artists Downhill Derby on Aug 16 @ 1 pm

Events Committee by: Denise

- Many thanks to Kathryn for the LYE parklet event
- Thanks also to Susan & Heather A for attending the Farmer's Market with our mobile LFL; the setup looked great
- Susan thanks everyone for the book donations; the Farmer's Market was very successful this year due to children's coloring activities, it was a big draw

- Susan has suggestions for our mobile LFL:
 - (1) Add a second shelf
 - (2) We need signage on the roof of the LFL that promotes FoKL
 - (3) The QR code on our table signage for donations isn't working & needs to be updated
 - (4) Future events should have activities for children to bring in traffic
 - (5) The mobile LFL can be moved around at an event
- Denise reports that there is still no update on the date for homecoming to Franklin St
- Both Susan & Denise suggest we scale back the homecoming with targeted focus on library programming
- The Events Committee will meet this Friday at 11 am on Zoom

Recruitment Committee by Kathryn:

- Recruitment has been on hold due to Kathryn being so involved in planning the LYE parklet event
- Midtown Make a Difference Day was also successful event, again with the activities for children, but it was difficult to reach Spanish speakers; it would be helpful to have table signage translated

Fundraising Committee by Heather O:

- Ursula has been in conversation with Texas Roadhouse for a fundraiser
- Heather O. used Bidding Owl with a client & recommends we pursue a silent auction
- Heather O reached out to committee chairs about rescheduling committee meetings so more members can attend: Recruitment may meet on Monday or Wed @ 5 pm; Fundraising Committee may meet the first Tuesday @ 5 pm; the Events committee will have a Doodle survey to determine the most advantageous day but the meeting will be after 5 pm as well
- Recruitment is essential to reach volunteers with strategic skill sets, such as a lawyer to help with nonprofit management or a volunteer who is bilingual
- Our book sale will be resurrected once we return to Franklin St but we can't take donations yet
- Our email: FoKL@friendsofkingstonlibrary.org

Old Business:

- Thanks to Vaidya for her efforts on our quarterly newsletter; the deadline for next edition is August 31st

Announcements:

- The Kingston Artists Downhill Derby is on August 16; this event brings in over 1500 attendees; if anyone wants to volunteer with the mobile LFL or donate books, please contact Heather O.

Public Comment:

- Maybe reports that there are free Spanish lessons at the Broadway Bubble on M,W,F; she would also like to receive the digital flyers to pass along
- Denise reports that KUBA did not meet this month
- Heather O. reminds us we need library stories for the newsletter

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept 8th at 6 pm

Adjournment: 6:56 pm

Submitted: H. Atterbury