

Friends of the Russell Library Minutes  
Executive Committee Meeting  
May 2, 2024  
Russell Library Annex Building

Present: Sandy Becker, Barrie Robbins-Pianka, Cathy Boone, Laura Taft, Tisha Ferguson  
Recorder: Tisha Ferguson

Call to Order

Approval of agenda, with additions

Approval of April 2024 minutes

President's Report

- Members' 'head start' presale was a modest success; those who came were appreciative. To be repeated at the next sale.
- Bay State Books has taken over the business of Discover Books, and will continue as before. The outside bins have been emptied at least once, according to Rob.
- The next book sale will be June 14-15, with setup –and members' presale- on the 13<sup>th</sup>. An invitation will be emailed to members. Posters will requested from Sue H. to be available 2 weeks before sale, so they can be posted online and made available for printing.
- Annual Meeting- aka., Celebration, to be held on Tuesday, June 11 at 4:30 PM, with the business meeting at 5:30. This is a non-election year, so officers will continue through 2024/25.
- Laura will check & send around the By-laws, to be sure we are following them.

Treasurer's Report

- Book Nook sale income and online book sales have been somewhat 'slim'. The April Book Sale was successful. The estimated income for this year is slightly lower than last year, with one more Book Sale to go.

Discussion and new business

- The Annual Meeting/Celebration will be advertised to members and library patrons as a celebration, rather than as a business meeting, in the hopes of attracting more people, especially younger people and those with families. Ramona has a number of ideas to make this a festive occasion, including a book give-away and having the library's popcorn machine. The Friends will provide beverages and cookies. A Power point loop will be shown, featuring library programs and events that the Friends funding helped to make possible.

Move to Adjourn

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 6, 2024, 10:00 AM, Russell Library Annex Building

Respectfully submitted,

Tisha Ferguson