**Friends of the Library – Meeting Minutes 6/7/22**

In attendance: Colleen Bailie, Catherine Bushman, Alan Olenick, Sue Bonci, Maureen Ulsamer, Pat Donnelly, Christine Diehl, Heather Westbrook, Angela Invernale

Meeting called to order 5:16; Minutes approved. (motion MU, resounding 2nd)

Director’s Report: Alex Bercy started in May as our new accountant and will be working three days per week. We’ve hired two new part time assistants, one starting this week and the other hopefully next. Beginning in July, the Main Library will be open until 7pm on Tuesdays and will stay open 10-5pm on Saturdays all summer. Ora Mason will be open until 5pm on Fridays. Summer reading kickoff will be June 21st – Thanks to the Friends for sponsoring this event! Literacy program for kids in grades K-3 has 20 children signed up. This is being sponsored by the ALA humanities grant this year. There will be 3 tutors assisting kids for 6 weeks. There is also an adult summer reading program with prizes as well. Main Library will be replacing the 40+ year old boiler system that controls 60% of the heating. Thanks to all who attended on 5/24 for the Planning and Zoning meeting for the Allingtown branch. There was a great turnout and after some tough questioning, they approved a library at 634 Orange Avenue with some conditions (sidewalks, bike rack, dumpster.) Next step is purchasing the property and fundraising!

* Q: Will new Allingtown branch still be named “Piantino”?

A: Board has not officially decided; possibly “Allingtown Library” unless we have a very generous donor.

Membership Report: Total members – 131; $1623.22 FY.

Treasurer’s Report: Read and approved

Book sale money not yet deposited but we made appx. $1000

* Next book sale, possibly Labor day weekend? Or the weekend after?
* FOCL – No real mention of services being used to take unsold books after a book sale, possibly because donations are slow right now; Many places are not purchasing bags themselves but are instead working with place like Trader Joe’s etc; Some libraries have different size bags for different dollar amounts; There are some limitations on fundraising we need to look further into – (5 fundraisers per year before sales tax must be charged)
* Q: Museum passes?

A: In process of getting them back.

* Friends agree to accept a Lifetime Friend’s offer to sell books on eBay if we can get more for them (no more than about 5 books per month so as not to overwhelm)
* PD: Author Talk? A CT meteorologist just wrote a children’s book
* Hopefully closing on the Allingtown property sale June 30
  + Fundraiser for Allingtown: People will be able to purchase personalized bricks for the Allingtown building for $125 (Bricks cost $19.99) – Of the profits, appx $100 per brick will go to the VIA and Friends would net appx $4 per brick.

Meeting adjourned 6:22pm