

Friends of the Clinton Community Library

Minutes of Meeting – June 28, 2021

The Friends met via Zoom on Monday, June 28, 2021, at 4:30 pm. There were twelve people in attendance. Each participant was asked to provide a brief self-introduction.

Board President Johanna Whitton, Friends Chair Nancy Drago, Trustee Kim Lewis and Director Carol Bancroft all praised the Friends for their contributions of time and effort to the book and plant sale. Kim reported that the event raised \$4,000 for the Library, compared to a past average of around \$1,500. The availability of Town Hall was very helpful. Collaboration with the Historical Society and 4-H Club worked well.

Nancy asked for thoughts on lessons for next year. Kim noted that the logistics and timing surrounding drop off and use of Town Hall were tricky, and require advance planning. She also noted that some book categories did not sell at all. It was suggested that it may be preferable to group all fiction in one place, rather than separating hard and soft covers. The section signs drew praise. Eliot Werner suggested adding a bake sale to the event. Nancy and others agreed that June is a good time of year for the plant sale.

The next event calling for assistance from the Friends will be the election raffle. It was also suggested that the Friends could assist with a welcome package for new residents. Eliot noted that the CAC already has one version.

Carol explained the Mid-Hudson Library System's community feedback initiative ("Turning Outward"), and Clinton's participation.

The Friends will not meet in July, and its next meeting will be held on August 30, again at 4:30 pm, via Zoom. The hope is that subsequent meetings can be safely held in person.

Zachary Snow, Secretary