

MINUTES

Members present:

Anne Friedle - Mount Hope Resident
Deb Lain - Minisink Resident
Sue Shapiro - Greenville Resident
Michelle Stoveken - Minisink Resident
Lorraine Fitzgerald - Wawayanda Resident
Suzanne Jones – Minisink Resident
Nikki Lamagna - Minisink Resident
Crystal Martinez - Minisink Resident
Martha Lain – Minisink Resident
Josephine Aiello - Minisink Resident

Members absent:

Olivia Brush - Greenville Resident
Kelsey Deutsch - Minisink Resident
Dina Kapzynski - Minisink Resident
Dede DeAngelis - Slate Hill Resident
Ruth Luis - Minisink Resident
Terry Reynolds – Minisink Resident
Dott & Greg Winner –

Consultants represented:

Grace Riario - RCLS Executive Director
Joanna Goldfarb - RCLS Youth and Sustainability Services
David Cosco- RCLS Marketing Manager

Referendum Update: After much deliberation regarding the Friends of Minisink Valley Public Library Initiative moving forward with the Library Referendum, the friends presented decided to move forward with the referendum this October, as per the request of the School District. The Friends are committed to having community members decide on the impact that creating a library would have on their neighbors.

ACTION ITEM: A followed-up email will be sent to Brian Monahan, Superintendent of School asking for October 18, 2022, as the date for the school district to put forward the Referendum to create the library and elect its Board to the community.

Finances: Following a discussion regarding the estimated taxes that a household will pay for the library, the friends decided to provide the community information by updating the website to reflect the message that the library tax represents 1% of what each household pays in school taxes. Thus, if you paid \$5,000 in school taxes, your estimated tax for the library will be \$50 for the year.

ACTION ITEM: The friends will continue to engage community members via social media using Twitter and Facebook Minisink Valley Public Library Initiative accounts.

ACTION ITEM: Nikki and Crystal will provide David with businesses that engage in Instagram to add them as partners to our efforts.

Community events: the friends will seek volunteers to staff a table at all community events this coming Summer and Fall, such as Corn Festival, Otisville Fair, Minisink Days, and Baseball season events.

Organization meetings: the friends will continue to engage and attend community organization meetings such as the Wawayanda Recreation committee, Lions Clubs, PTA, and Kiwanis.

The friends' website will continue to be updated and be the point source for all information related to the Referendum progress.

The friends' will continue their fundraising efforts via the Friends' website and Amazon smile program. This program donates a percentage of all purchases made through Amazon by an individual to a non-profit of the individual choice.

ACTION ITEM: Friends will encourage family and friends to choose the Minisink Valley Public Library Initiate for their amazon accounts.

The FAQs section of the website needs to be updated to reflect new questions brought up to the Friends by community members.

ACTION ITEM: FAQs will be updated, and a flyer will be created that can be used to inform community members.