

Present committee members: Sue Shapiro (Greenville), Anne Friedle (Mt. Hope), Kelsey Dutsch (Minisink), Dina Kapzynski (Minisink)

Absent: Olivia Brush, Ruth Luis, Sharon Fox

Others present: Grace Riario, RCLS; Joanna Goldfarb, RCLS

**Treasure Report:**

Currently have \$506.00 in account

Sue will pursue 501c3 status

**Minutes**

Those present voted on officers for the Friends of the Minisink Valley Public Library (Friends). The results are:

- President: Anne Friedle, Mt. Hope
- Vice President: Dina Kapzynski, Minisink
- Secretary: Olivia Bush, Greenville
- Treasurer: Sue Shapiro, Greenville

The committee approved bylaws for the Friends, which will be posted on the MVPL website.

Committee members reviewed and evaluated the events attended in 2019, and their goal of having the Minisink Valley Public Library open by Feb. 14, 2022.

The committee feels the Minisink Valley community is majority positive on having a public library, based on their efforts and outreach over the past few months.

In order to move forward with the February 14, 2022 open date, the committee agreed that regular meetings are necessary. Meetings will be held the second Thursday of each month at a local establishment.

The following goals were created for 2020:

- Have regular monthly committee meetings
- Create Google Calendar for community events
- Have presence at at least one community event/ month
- Hold at least 4 fundraising events

The following fundraising and outreach ideas were discussed, and will be decided on at the February meeting:

- Giving bumper stickers and book plates as thank you's for donating to MVPL
- PTO Story Time
- Book Bingo
- Trivia Night
- Set up collection cans at local businesses
- Take out an ad in the Kiwanis journal
- Fundraising Night at Chili's (Anne will look into)

Dina will look into prices at different local venues to hold a fundraising event.

Grace Riario reviewed the following steps that need to be taken towards securing a referendum with the Minisink Valley School District for a May 2021 vote:

- Petition with at least 25 signatures
- Present to school board
- Referendum will include board members, budget, etc.
- School board must agree to add library vote to school budget vote
- Must ask superintendent for timeline to have all documents in place for May 2021 vote

The Friends will give presentations to the following community organizations and clubs at upcoming meetings:

- Feb. 5 Wawayanda town meeting
- March 5:
- March 11: Otisville Lions Club

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 13 at 6:00 at Chianti Cow Restaurant (1483 US 6, Port Jervis)