

11/14/22 - November meeting recap- 8 members present

We are now up to 36 members with 16 stating that they would help volunteer. Please keep asking friends and family that enjoy our library services to join. More diverse members can only help to increase our ideas for fundraising to benefit the library.

Trunk or Treat was a lot of fun and a big success. We will definitely be participating next year. It is nice to get exposure for our group out to the community. We distributed all 250 bags that we had made up and then used all the extras that we had brought with us. Due to the nice weather, turnout was approximately 325 children that participated. Pictures of the event are on our Facebook page, Friends of Dover Plains Library.

Donna has asked for help keeping the donated books sorted, labeled and stacked neatly in the shed. Arleen and I straightened up the shed and it would be nice to keep it organized for future book sales. Once details of the frequency of sorting and the area it can be done in are established, I will be reaching out to establish a schedule that we can fill with volunteers. It will be done inside the library once the weather is too cold or we are unable to get into the shed due to snow. This process will make it MUCH easier next year when we hold any book sales.

I am looking into the actual specific requirements for us to become a 501(c)(3) association and get tax exempt status. The Mid Hudson Library Service conference call made it clear that we are limited on what we should be doing using the library's tax exempt number. We need 3 officers to set up the forms and we had some volunteers at the meeting so with Jill's help we will be trying to establish that over the next couple of months so we will be free to do a lot more next year.

The October raffle that was donated by Caroline raised \$36 for the library. I believe it would have been more, but we had sold the raffles for only \$1 each. The gift certificate for the Harlem Valley Farmstand for a \$2 raffle donation has started to pick up and since it was at our Canvas and Coffee event, it raised an additional \$42 for that raffle. Maria brought the beautiful basket for December and left it with Donna so that it is all set to go in December. We feel that the actual baskets do better in the library since people can see exactly what they are winning. We have several options available for the next couple of months and will be discussing it further at our December meeting. We may decide to extend the time that we let the baskets run- maybe 2 months for each.

Tammy has collected baskets for our use that are being stored in the conference room of the library. She has also put merchandise from an estate sale into storage there for future use for a tag sale for the library or a silent auction. We've also had donations of crocheted blankets, pot holders and gift basket wrap. Jill donated another gift certificate for Old Drovers Inn for future use in fundraising.

The Canvas and Coffee fundraiser was held immediately after the meeting. It raised \$300 from ticket sales and \$110 in donations for baked goods. By displaying the current basket fundraiser it increased the sales for that as well. Pictures will be displayed on our Facebook page.

Our December meeting will be held on Monday December 12th at 6:30 in the community room.

Thanks everyone!

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