**Friends of the Mechanicville Library**

**Meeting Minutes for October 2, 2023**

**Present:**  The meeting was chaired by AnnMarie Conklin VP. , Michelle Duell, Rose Ann Lindemann, Cindy Newman, Jackie Falvo, Audrey Vannucci and Mari Thomas

**Secretary Minutes:** The minutes from the September meeting were approved first by Rose Ann and second by Mari.

**Treasurer:** Rose Ann reported a balance of $8,804.88. There was a credit of $1700 from the sale of bus tickets, $364 as a result of garage sale. There was a -$180 bounced check.  The woman did bring the $180 cash to correct the bounced check.  On 11/2/23 $2,205 is due for the NYC bus trip.  Motion to accept minutes by AnnMarie and Jackie.

**Old Business:**

          1.  We are ready for the October bus trip to Salem, on 10/8. Dawnmarie Robens and June Cappiabianco will be monitors.

          2.  The NYC trip is 12/2 leaving the parking lot at 7 am.  Heather needs to be notified to advertise for NYC trip.

           3.  AnnMarie has spoken the managers of the Hometown Bowling Alley regarding the fund raiser.  They suggested we plan an event for Novemer18th starting at 9:30. The charge will be $15. This will be for shoes and games with the Friends making a $5 with each ticket sold. We will have a 50-50 raffle and a will raffle off baskets.  We need members to either raise items to raffle from local businesses or make a basket to raffle off.

**New Business:**

           1.  The October plant swap will be 10/21 from 11-2pm.  If it's nice we will have a swap outside, if it's rainy we will do it inside the library.  Mary will get some containers for those who need some.  We will not sell but accept donations from those who attend.  Mary will speak to Heather regarding advertising.

               2.  Michelle spoke of future plans.  During the school breaks of December and February there will be two different events that the Friends will sponsor. The “Build a Bear" workshop will cost approx. $390.   MiSCI traveling planetarium program will be $373.94.

                3. On November 6th at 6pm there will be a Memory Project sponsored by SALS regarding the Holocaust.  Members of the Friends have been invited to attend.

**Next Meeting**: October 30, 2023 at 6:00 pm.