



Friends of RADL

July 2020 Newsletter

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91 Members

There will be no July Membership Meeting.

Hello, Friends.

I hope you and your families are well. We are all finding ways to navigate this new roadmap of 2020. Surely as we inch along, we appreciate all the things in our lives to be treasured. Of course RADL is one of those gems! We do have some updates to share.

Best Wishes,
Linda Brick

Friends' Board Recommendations

The members of the Friends' Board have been communicating and brainstorming to offer some recommendations to the members on how we proceed as a group during this unique time. The Board has taken these steps because:

- presently, cannot meet to ask permission of members on decisions,
- the bylaws do not have any provisions for emergency times, and
- a framework is needed to keep the group going until a time when we can make adjustments.

When this unique situation will end is unknown. Will there be another wave of Covid-19? Will there be another shutdown? We do not know. So the Board is moving forward with some decisions and will seek permission, and forgiveness at a later date when the membership can meet. The primary consideration in all decisions is safety. Safety for ourselves and for others in our community.

Meetings - The Board recommends we do not resume meetings until we can do so at RADL according to RADL requirements and safety guidelines. (We cannot meet at Fred's observing proper social distancing.)

Elections - As outlined in the bylaws, elections are scheduled in September, with a slate (four officers and one trustee) announced in August. With not being able to meet, there has been no opportunity to talk to members about this. The Board observes how difficult it would be to start making phone calls and ask people to commit to a job entailing a lot of unknowns at the present time. Transitioning could be difficult. The Board recommends the current board continues to serve until 2021. Anyone who is unable to continue, a volunteer for the interim will be found. In 2021, the cycle of elections as outlined in the bylaws could resume.

Renewal of Dues - According to the bylaws, membership dues are to be paid by September meeting. The Board recommends members are contacted in August by email or USPS to renew dues. Dues can be mailed to the Friends' P.O. Box or put in a drop-box at RADL. (At present, they are not processing paper items - that could change by September.)

Used Book Sale - There will be no used book sale in 2020. We will reconsider a sale in 2021. We have no books on hand and RADL is not accepting donations at this time. Even if we had books, sorting them in the basement is not safe. Having a book sale in 2020 is also not safe. Too many people in too little space.

Wine & Craft Beer Tasting - There will be no Wine & Craft Beer Tasting in 2021. Hosting an event in February during flu season makes us cautious but this year, the CDC does warn that Covid-19 will likely make a return at that time. It is simply too big of a risk for everyone, volunteers and guests. The Board recommends revisiting the resumption of this event at another time.

Amendment to Bylaws - The bylaws may be amended at anytime. When we can meet again, the Board will be proposing an amendment to cover emergency or extraordinary times like these. (Who knew we'd ever need it? Wait - states, counties and cities all over are saying the same thing!)

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your understanding. And your patience. Thank you also to Board Members - Heidi Luebke, Sue Glover, Lisa Sutton, Ruth Mutchler, Steve Remenar and Linda Udy for giving these matters a lot of thought.

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RADL Notes

Family Fare Receipts - RADL will allow collection again. Drop off your receipts. Thank you, Ann Jordan for tabulating!

Staff Thank You - As RADL was preparing to reopen, The Friends of RADL gave the hardworking staff a \$50 gift card to Fred's to buy themselves a carry-out lunch.

Staff Goodbye - Circulation Manager Erica Luck is leaving RADL. We appreciate the awesome talents and enthusiasm she shared with RADL! The Friends wish her much success as she moves forward.

Summer Reading Program - Bravo to the RADL Staff! Aren't the activities the staff created amazing? They're offering a great variety of engaging activities under such unusual conditions. Over 80 kids have registered to participate. Super! The Friends is contributing \$300 in support of the SRP this year.

"The very existence of libraries affords the best evidence that we may yet have hope for the future of man."

- T.S. Eliot

Reminder - There will be no July Membership Meeting.