

Friends of Onondaga Free Library  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date: August 2, 2023

Present:

Directors: Sheila Graudons, Barbara Leigh, Pamela McLaughlin, Susan Parry and John Thornton

Staff: Susan Morgan

Absent: George Bain, Mary Beth Roach, Mary Taylor and Donna Zeolla

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. There was a correction to the minutes. The two single sided pods were a total of \$3127.12 which included shipping. A motion was made to accept the corrected minutes by Barb L., seconded by Sheila G. and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: George Bain (via e-mail) and Pam M.

Here are the financials through July. Our checking account balance of \$6,791.12 compares to a balance of \$8,576.32 as of July 29, 2022. The difference can be explained in the year-to-date gifts to the library, \$14,152.72 this year, compared to \$10,402.84 a year ago. We gave the library \$3,000 in gifts in August 2022. Memberships this year to date of \$884.57 compare to \$1,137.52 a year ago.

Money will start flowing in with the membership drive and the fall book sale.

Pam M. will check with George B. to see if we can separate NRD Media (Amazon sales) from the used book sale category. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by John T., seconded by Barb L. and approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Susan M.

Scott Lipkowitz requested money for several programs.

A motion was made to spend \$600.00 on a four-week program of Dancing Though the Decades as part of Fall Programming by Barb L., seconded by Sheila G. and approved.

A motion was made to purchase a gaming monitor for the teen space for \$190.00 by Barb L. seconded by Sheila G. and approved.

A motion was made to purchase a gaming mouse for \$50.00 by Barb L., seconded by Sheila G. and approved.

We are still looking for a person to fill the Treasurer's position on the Board of Trustees. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please let Susan M. know. This position has been vacant since February and we need to begin planning the budget for next year.

July stats have been outstanding, better than last year. We had 7,140 patrons come through our doors and 24,016 items have been checked out. We had the Museum of Earth here last night, a garbage truck, today - major hit with the kids, and a sheriff will be here tomorrow. We have 331 children enrolled in the summer reading along with 83 teens and 163 adults so a big thanks to Friends for providing funding for this program.

We are compiling the data from the surveys and hope to present it at the September Board of Trustees meeting.

The pods will be arriving in October.

The Wonder Books Read-A-Longs are in circulation and are very popular.

We do have some candidates for the teen librarian. The posting closes this Friday.

The butterflies were released on Monday. The butterfly bush has been planted.

The craft group's projects with children went very well and the kids seemed to have lots of fun.

The three memory kits are in processing and should be in circulation later this month.

**BROCHURE:** Barb L.

The pre-print proof looks great.

Barb L. said that Chantal Rothermel was a huge help and very instrumental in getting the brochure together. Barb L. thought a gift would be appropriate for all her hard work that she does for Friends. We all thought this was a great idea. Susan M. Will think about a gift idea. We will get some beads made of recycled paper from Crazy Daisies as part of the gift. A huge thanks to Barb L. and her committee for leading this venture.

**BOOK SALE PLANNING:** Sue P.

We will begin to get the flyers out in late August. Sign-up sheets will go up before Labor Day.

The scanner has been reserved from NRD Media. The town can pick up our leftovers on Monday, October 2. Pam M. will check with Kathy DeSanctis to see if she is able to chair the membership drive again this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26. Our next meeting will be September 6 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Parry, Secretary