

Friends of Onondaga Free Library
Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date: May 1, 2024

Present:

Directors: Lore DePalo, Sheila Graudons, Barbara Leigh, Pamela McLaughlin, Susan Parry,
and Mary Taylor

Staff: Susan Morgan

Members: Kathy DeSanctis

Absent: George Bain, Cara Kirkby, and Donna Zeolla

The meeting was opened at 1:00PM. The minutes from April were read online. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Lore D., seconded by Barb L., and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mary Beth R. e-mailed that Jeanette Nels will be taking care of the little free libraries this summer. Although she has done this for many years as a way of helping while she is in the area, the Board was unaware of this practice. Moving forward should be notified ahead of time.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Kathy D.

We have three new members bringing our total to 149. We have collected \$8796.00 in donations with the average being \$59.03. All thank you notes have been sent out. Kathy D. would like to find a way to use the volunteer list that Mary Beth Roach created. Sue P. has a copy and will share it with those who need it. Kathy D. reminded us that we need to adhere to strict confidentiality and only those who have a need to know should be allowed to use the list.

TREASURER'S REPORT: George B. via e-mail and Sheila G.

Current checking account balance of \$7,911.43 compares to \$6,331.95 a year ago.

Transactions continued slow in April, with nothing remarkable. I'm always glad to answer questions with reply all.

We purchased 1500 envelopes rather than 500 as stated in my report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Susan M.

We will run April's stats tomorrow, but they will be in line with the previous months.

We wrapped up Poetry Month. There was a great response from all our local poets. We will award prizes in the very near future.

We met with David Bills, West Genesee Schools' superintendent to review the library budget presented on the school budget ballots. We will meet with Stephen Dunham at Westhill tomorrow. We are asking for a modest increase that will be under the state cap. Susan M. and Chris McCarthy will also be at the table to answer any questions about the library budget at the public meeting on the school budgets.

Eclipse Day went very well even though it was cloudy. Everyone had a great time at Santaro Park, and the cookies were a big hit.

BOOK SALE: Sue P.

Sign-up sheets are on the Friends' Corner. Chantal Rothermel has made up fliers that are in the file cabinet. Please write down where you post them so that we don't duplicate efforts.

We can begin to gather tables at 3:00PM on Thursday, May 30. We have not had any luck getting some muscle to pick tables up from St. Michael's. Westhill Honor Society may be willing to help so Sue P. will see if they can help pick up tables on Thursday if it fits with St. Michael's schedule.

MEMORIAL DAY DECORATIONS AND PLANTERS:

Kathy D. will put out the flags for Memorial Day. We need to replace one of the planters that has broken. Pam M. will look for a new planter. Last year we got flowers for Silver Spring Farm Market. Pam M. will check with them since they gave us a discount last year. A motion was made to spend no more than \$150.00 for the planter, soil, and plants by Sue P., seconded by Mary T. and approved.

Scott Lipkowicz stopped in with the new tablet that we purchased for staff use. He is thrilled with them, and the staff is pleased at how easy they are to use.

REVIEW OF IT ASSESSMENT PROGRESS: Lore D

Lore D. presented a slide presentation showing a spread sheet with all resources. She has broken this down into major categories. Lore D. needs to know if we can think of anything she is missing. She also had compiled a list of where each resource is stored. There are a lot of blanks that need to be filled in!

The Google list is a mess and really needs to be cleaned up but at this time Lore` D. does not have access to everything there. Anne Andrianos has files that have not been touched for years and she would like to delete them from her computer. Lore` D. needs to see what they are before Anne A. can delete them.

This just show the need to have everything stored in one central place. We need to determine what can be seen by the public, what can be seen by directors and who had permission to edit documents. We need to standardize how we send things to each other and our members. Scott L. maybe able to see what resources the library has that can help with his huge project. Since we moved to the new Facebook page we have had more views.

Sheila G. wanted to thank Pam M. for being the President of the Board for the past two years. She really appreciates all the guidance that Pam has offered and looks forward to more words of wisdom.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10PM. Due to the book sale, there will not be a formal meeting in June. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, July 3 at 1:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Parry, Secretary