

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

Date: November 6, 2024

Present:

Directors:Sheila Graundons, Cara Kirkby, Barbara Leigh, Pam McLaughlin, Susan Parry and Donna Zeolla

Staff:Susan Morgan

Members:Deb Carey

Absent:George Bain. Lore DePalo and Mary Taylor

The meeting was opened at 1:35PM. An online motion was made on September 27 to renew our bulk mail permit for \$350.00 by Lore D., seconded by Barb L. and approved unanimously via e-mail. The minutes from September were read online. There was no meeting in October due to the book sale. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Barb L., seconded by Donna Z. and approved.

Director's Report:Susan M.

We have good numbers with programs and services for October. Pam Hunter's art class was very popular. We had 40 people for the lecture of the Salem Witch Trials. Hannah Bewsher, Children's Librarian, has started story times.

We are finally at full staff again.

The staff would like to go to Finally Ours for the holiday brunch. We have reserved the large room for Sunday, December 8 at 9:30. Friends will pay for half while the Board of Trustees will pay for the other half.

Our wishes for December will be State Park passes and the Legacy gifts.

We will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:30.

We would like to have an art class for adults through Liverpool Art Center. They will provide the materials for up to 22 people for \$500.00. We will do this in January on a Saturday morning. A motion was made to spend \$500.00 for an adult art class through Liverpool Art Center by Donna Z., seconded by Cara K. and approved.

Treasurer's Report:George B. via e-mail

Here are the current financials. Checking account balance of 10-24 is \$18,126.01, which compares to \$13,473.88 Oct. 31, 2023. Memberships this year are \$8,547, compared to \$6,245 a year ago, accounting for nearly half of the difference in the balance from a year ago. Net income for the two used books sales this year is \$7,764.99, compared to \$7,972.02 last year.

The fall sale netted \$3,672.11, compared to \$3,578.25 last fall. This fall's disposal was 0.93 tons of books (1.17 tons last fall). The spring sale net was \$4,092.88, compared to \$4,393.77 for spring 2023.

We paid \$350 to renew the bulk mail permit, which cost \$310 a year ago.

We have received no online used book sale income since June. I'm told the vendor's wife experienced a difficult pregnancy this summer.

George

Book Sale:Sue P.

We need to replace several of our outdoor signs due to loss of the signs. We would like a bigger size. Sue P. will look at prices and get back to us.

Festival of Trees:Deb C.

All the trees are out and a few are back. They are due by November 10. Sheila G. donated a basket of teddy bears. We need volunteers to help set up on Friday, November 15 at 10:00. Volunteers are also needed to sell raffle tickets in the lobby on Saturdays. The drawing will be December 16.

Membership Drive Update:Elizabeth Costello via e-mail

Not sure who should get this in Kathy's absence, so I'm sending it to everyone:

Total number of members: 117

Total dollars received: \$7853.24

Average donation: \$67.12

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Elizabeth

We will need a category in our new brochures for volunteers to be on the Board of Directors.

In February we would like to host a reception of those who volunteered in 2024. We could raffle off our gift basket at that time.

Information Technology:Lore D . via handout and Sheila G.

It was decided we would table Lore D.'s update until she could be here to discuss them.

We did follow up on two suggestions made by Chantal Rothermel. A motion was made to post the Friends By-Laws on the "About the Friends Website" by Barb L. seconded by Donna Z. and approved. A motion was made to add subscription "e-form" to our website for the Newsletter by Barb L., seconded by Donna Z. and approved.

A motion was made to accept the new language in our By-laws, changing Ambassador to Non-voting Director, by Barb L., seconded by Pam M. and approved.

Senior Art Reception:Donna Z.

The reception will be Thursday, December 5, from 4:00-6:00PM. Donna will get supplies and recruit bakers, set up and clean up volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20PM. Our next meeting will be December 4 at 1:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Parry, Secretary