

Friends of Onondaga Free Library

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date: February 5, 2025

Present:

Directors: Lore DePalo, Sheila Gaudons, Cara Kirkby, Pamela McLaughlin, Susan Parry, Mary Taylor and Donna Zeolla

Library Staff: Susan Morgan

Members: Mary Beth Roach

Absent: George Bain and Barbara Leigh

The meeting opened at 1:30 PM. The minutes from January were read online. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Donna Z., seconded by Mary T. and approved.

Directors Report: Susan M.

George B. stopped by in a timely fashion with the checks for the legacy gifts. Thank you.

The art class being present this Saturday by the Liverpool Art Center filled up quickly.

We are ready advertise for our new librarian.

March/April programming is taking shape.

Scott Lipkowitz is working on summer programming. He would like to have a drone presentation.

We are off to a great start in 2025.

The first dance session will begin in April.

The cooking classes are going very well. The kids love it.

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

Attached is the financial report for the Friends.

Current checking account balance of \$5,715.47 compares to \$9,381.68 as of Feb. 1, 2024. In January 2024 we wrote 4 checks to the library for \$8,360. This year we wrote 7 checks for \$15,275.

Winter blue basket gifts cost \$83.60, and we paid \$180 for 12 new signs to advertise future used book sales.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Cara K., seconded by Donna Z. and approved.

Information Technology: Lore D.

Lore D. will meet with Scott L. to set up a day for a Google refresher.

If you still need to set up a Gmail account contact Lore D.

Lore D. will provide access to necessary folders for access to each Board member.

We need to limit access to the friends Gmail account. We need to figure out who will have access to that account and be responsible for answering the e-mails.

Chantal Rothermel has been working to keep our website (attached to the main library site) fully up to date. There is a place to sign up for the newsletter without becoming a member. Newsletters will be sent to members and those who sign up for the newsletter on the website.

We have obtained the use the non-profit version of CANVA. This is much more fluid and easier to use than the format we use for our newsletter.

Shamrock Sale: Mary Beth R.

We will be getting our plants from Price Chopper again. We will pick them up at 9:30 on March 7 and sell them for \$5.00 a plant.

We have \$25.00 gift cards from Price Chopper and food vouchers for the Crawfish festival for our raffle. Please contact any business you feel comfortable in asking for a donation. Let Mary Beth R. know if you get a donation.

Book Sale: Sue P.

Mary Beth R. got twelve signs from Budget Signs for \$180.00. She did the design work for them and they look great. Thank you, Mary Beth!

The Winter Blues Basket went to member 79, Gerald and Cheryl Robinson. They just happen to be Susan M.'s aunt and uncle.

Mary Beth R. will update the Honor Roll of members. She will also update the volunteer list.

Some suggestions for local author speakers are John Simone and Dennis Conner.

The Senior Art Reception will be moved back to June. June 18 works best for Donna Z.

Changes in meeting dates:

June 11 instead of June 4

July 9 instead of July 2

September 10 instead of September 2

October 8 instead of October 1

The meeting adjourned at 2:10. Our next meeting will be March 5 at 1:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Parry, Secretary