

Friends of Onondaga Free Library
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 11, 2017

PRESENT: Anne Andrianos, Dan Andrianos, George Bain, Mary Minafri-Girolamo, Jeanette Nels, Sue Parry and Donna Zeolla Librarian: Al Oliveras Members: Mary Taylor and John Thornton

The meeting was opened by Anne A. at 7:00PM with a moment of silence to remember September 11, 2001. A thank you note from the Senior Artists was passed around. Anne A. thanked Donna Z. for the attractive framed poster for the business members. The minutes from June were read. Mary G. motioned to accept them, Jeanette N. seconded and approved. George B. reports that we have \$3588.47 in our checking account. This included a check from Amazon Smile and a sizable check from an employee from National Grid who chose us as the recipient of her Employee Giving Campaign. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Sue P. seconded by Mary G. and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

The labels have been placed on many items (mostly in the children's room) that have been donated to the Library by the Friends. The labels are different than the ones placed in the books. Anne A. will check with Susan Morgan to see if it is possible to change the book labels so that it is consistent.

NEW BUSINESS:

Al O. went over the advantages of having a PayPal account. The Library is in the process of setting one up and should be working shortly after Susan M. returns from vacation. Do we need it? Jeanette N. says yes. People will be able to join and make contributions. There is a generation that uses plastic only, they do not write checks. There is a box on PayPal that we can use to gather further information although members should mail or drop off the portion of the mailing that lets them volunteer for various projects. Jeanette N. will check with other Friends groups that use PayPal and Al O. will let us know how it is working when it is up at the Library.

Craft Group - We had three people at the craft group on Thursday. Several people stopped by and will hopefully return. We sponsor the meeting but the Library furnishes coffee and tea.

Everyone is welcome to the calendar meeting on the Third Monday of the month at 2:00PM. At this meeting we solidify our calendar with that of the Library to be sure there are no conflicts and that Chantal can work on publicity.

CALENDAR 2017:

Football Raffle: The package is worth \$189.00 and only three people have purchased tickets. We need to get the word out.

Used Book Sale: Posters and post cards are out. Sign up sheets are at the Friends Corner. Donations will be accepted beginning on Friday.

Friends Month: October 15-21 is Friends Week. Anne A. will request a proclamation from Sen. DeFrancisco. Mary G. and Jeanette N. will look into getting balloons. We will feature the Wishing Well through October.

Festival of Trees: Mary G. has purchased 20 trees at \$5.99 with 20% off each and free shipping. Let her know if you hear of anyone interested in decorating a tree.

Membership Campaign: Anne A. will look into creating a new letter with more zip.

CALENDAR 2018:

The drawing for the Gifford Lecture and book raffle will be in the spring rather than October. J. D. Vance will be the speaker on April 16, 2018 and one of his books will raffled with the tickets to the lecture.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM. The next meeting will be Monday, October 2 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Parry, Secretary