

Friends of Onondaga Free Library
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 7, 2018

PRESENT:

Directors: Mary Minafri-Girolamo, Mary Beth Roach, Susan Parry, CJ Sturdervant and John Thornton Absent: Anne Andrianos, George Bain, Jeanette Nels and Donna Zeolla

OFL Staff: Susan Morgan

Members: Kathy DeSanctis, Alyce Lee, Linda Lippert and Mary Taylor

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mary G. The minutes were read online. A motion was made to approve by CJ S., seconded by Mary Beth R. and approved. The balance in our account is 10,058.96. Amazon Smile has brought in almost \$62.00. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report by Susan P., seconded by Mary Beth R. and approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Susan M.

The Winter Program brochure was passed out containing a full slate of winter activities including the 12th Annual Festival of Trees, a Woman's Financial Forum presented by CJ S., the Merry Mischief Holiday Concert and the Dinosaur winter break schedule.

About 10,000 people walked through our doors in October. Alyce L. reached 583 people via Facebook. We are almost ready to go live with Twitter. We will reach out to the Strathmore people through their Facebook page. We need to use all our resources to let people know about OFL and the Friends.

Wish List: Maggie Gall would like 35 Playaway Launch Pads for the Children's section. The cost is \$1000.00 now plus \$2659.00 due in early 2019.

Two charging stations, one for each floor, that will hold up to eight Android or Apple devices at a time at a cost of \$1083.00 each.

Funding of the Merry Mischief Holiday Concert at a cost of \$400.00.

\$300.00 toward the brunch at Finally Ours for the staff, trustees and friends on December 9.

After a discussion as to the life of the apps on the Playaway Launch Pads, a motion was made by CJ S. to purchase 35 Playaway Launch Pads, seconded by Mary G. and approved.

There was discussion about the cost and the durability of the charging stations. Susan M. stated that a lot of research was done and this was the best option. A motion was made by John T. to purchase two charging stations, seconded by Mary G. and approved.

CJ S. made a motion to fund the Merry Mischief Holiday Concert, seconded by Mary G. and approved.

Mary Beth R. motioned that we contribute \$300.00 toward the brunch at Finally Ours, seconded by Mary G. and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Brochures: Kathy D. presented the brochures and they look great. Avalon Printing made 2,500 for \$240.00. The envelopes are ready to be stuffed starting Tuesday, November 13. Please get names to Kathy D. if we have anyone we know who may become members.

Bake Sale: Mary T. stated we do not have a final total for sales but there was very little left. There were two full tables of goodies.

SU tickets: Alyce L. said we sold 77 tickets for a profit of \$385.00. The winner was very excited and sent a picture from the Dome. She will be willing to donate tickets again next year.

Friends Week: Kathy D. and Mary Beth R. decorated the library with balloons signifying Friends gifts. The kids loved the balloons and Susan M. had several inquiries as to what Friends are and what we do. Mary T. showed us the peel and stick nametags that Chantal will have ready for Saturday's Armistice ceremony.

Armistice Celebration: Mary Beth R. Flags are up and activities have been going on all week. Cookies and coffee has been organized for Saturday, November 10th. We hope the weather cooperates but if not it can be pulled inside quickly. Representatives from Senator DeFrancisco's office and Brian Donnelly from the County

Executive's Office will be attending. We need a flag and 8 foot pole for inside the building at a cost of \$199.00.

Memo of Understanding: Alyce L. Anne A. will bring examples back from other Friends group attending the New York Library Association Conference that she is attending this week.

Festival of Trees: Mary G. has 20 trees reserved, all but 6 have been picked up and one has been returned already. The drawing will be held after the Merry Mischief Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 15.

NEW BUSINESS:

The spring calendar must be set before the end of the year.

There was discussion as to whether or not there would be a quilt raffle. The book club will not be doing a specific book and the quilt maker wanted to tie the quilt into the book for Black History Month. More to follow next month.

Shamrock Sale: There is very little profit but Mary Beth R. would be willing to chair the event. It would be on the day that the Irish dancers are here. We sold almost everything last year and we had people who stopped in just to buy a plant.

LOGO contest: Deb Carey and Kathy D. will coordinate it in the spring. CJ S. will help.

Ambassador Group: Kathy D. Ambassadors are a small group of people who are willing to help at events when available. We have not had any events for them but they are willing to help when asked.

Data Base Manager: Kathy D.'s husband has graciously accepted the position.

Revised Website: Alyce L. idea of developing a Friends website was presented to the Board of Trustees at the October meeting. Suggestions were made re: development of the website so it was clear that the Friends supported the OFL mission. The page is not live yet but she is working on it.

Wine and Jazz Evening: We need to get some language in place for an alcohol policy but the Board of Trustees is in favor of the use of alcohol in certain situations. Mary Beth R. will run the event when everything is in place.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM. Our next meeting will be December 5, 2018, at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Parry, Secretary