

Friends of Onondaga Free Library
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 6, 2019

PRESENT:

Directors: Anne Andrianos, Mary Girolamo-Minafri, Susan Parry, Mary Beth Roach, CJ Sturdevant, John Thornton and Donna Zeolla

Absent: George Bain and Jeanette Nels

OFL Staff: Susan Morgan

Members: Mary Buckout, Deb Carey, Barbara Leigh and Mary Taylor

Anne A. opened the meeting at 6:30. She welcomed Mary B. and introductions were made. Anne A. reminded us of the webinar on Tuesday February 12, at 2:00PM presented by NYLA. Also the Chocolate Bake-Off is Sunday so, if you signed up to help, do not forget. John T. will sell 50/50 tickets. Please make an announcement about the quilt raffle so people can buy tickets at the front desk. The minutes were read on-line and John T. noted that his name was spelled incorrectly (Thompson rather than Thornton). Mary G. made a motion to accept the corrected minutes, seconded by John T. and approved. A letter from Casey Barduhn, President of the Board of Trustees, thanking us for our gifts to the library totaling \$13000.00 in 2018 was passed around. A representative from Friends goes to each Board meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Anne A.

The balance in the checking account is \$6586.22. Kathy DeSanctis sent a report detailing the membership fees. We have 104 members, less people than who joined Friends than in past campaigns. Mary G. has purchased trees for this year's festival for a bit over \$100.00. Mary G. moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Mary T. seconded and approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Susan M.

Susan M. met with Bob Antonaccci, representative to the State Assembly, and John McBride, County Legislator, last Friday. They enjoyed their tour of the library. They did talk about grants that may be available. February is Love your Library Month so this was the perfect time to meet with our local politicians. Casey B. was included in the meeting. An audit for 2019 is being conducted by Bonodio Group. The library welcome the audit and is looking forward to seeing the results.

Wishing Tree Requests: The library will try to purchase as many of the books on the list shortly

Susan M. will explore a shorter circulation time for magazines. She will also look into magazines that deal with ADHD and/or dyslexia.

The Board of Trustees will not ask for a referendum for an increase in the budget on the ballots of the local School Budget Elections due to the good finance of the library. The Board is looking for people interested in becoming Trustees beginning in 2020.

Maggie Gall-Maynard is requesting funding for 100 books for the Story Walk this summer in Santaro Park. Bruce Coville's book, Into the Land of the Unicorns, will be featured. There will be panels in the park depicting scenes from the first chapter. The art work will be done by Tweens and Teens and Town of Onondaga Parks and Recreation will place the panels throughout the park. The books will be free to the first 100 youths that request them. It is hoped that Mr. Coville will come to the library and autograph them. Mary Beth R. made a motion to grant the library \$382.50 for 100 books for the give away and copies for the library, seconded by Mary G. and approved. Each book will have a Friends sticker on it and a Friends brochure in it.

OLD BUSINESS

A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding was presented. There are a few changes to the wording and placement of sentences. The new document will be presented to the Board of Trustees. We need to be clear that we are a separate entity from the library. Our purpose is to support the library in any way we are able, retaining control over our funds.

Susan M. met with one more carpenter who did submit a drawing for the bench but he was unwilling to take on the work. She is looking at other options. The bench needs to be movable and comfortable, preferably with cushions. She will look at three more options, including County Casuals, from whom we purchased the garden bench.

The flag for the inside will need to be picked up. We do not fly a flag outside during the winter due to the high winds. It was suggest that we look for flag donations from our Congressman and State Representative.

WINTER QUARTER EVENTS:

The winner of the Louise Penny book and the raffle ticket to her lecture as part of the Rosamond Gifford Lecture Series was Gail Openchuk.

Thanks to Donna Z. for keeping out Friends' Corner up to date and compiling the results of the Wishing Tree.

The raffle for the book and quilt will run through the end of February. We will try hanging the quilt to give it more visibility so that we can sell more tickets.

There are lots of bakers signed up for this Sunday's Bake-Off.

SPRING QUARTER:

The Shamrock sale will be March 8 and 9. Mary Beth R. and Barbara L. will pick up the plants from Price Chopper. Mary Beth R. will contact Crazy Daisies to see if they can offer a gift certificate for a raffle. Pleases sign up to help.

Geology Day will be April 13. The Rock Doc, who has been here in the past, would be interested in hosting hands on seminars this summer.

A book sale meeting will be schedule soon.

Deb C. said the forms are ready for the Logo Contest. Chantal R. will get publicity for the contest in as many publications as possible. Deb C. will have book bag information in March.

SUMMER QUARTER:

Donna Z. will chair the Senior Art Show Reception once again. The first Thursday in June has worked well in the pass and Susan M. will check with the art teacher to be sure of the date.

The jazz event will be on Sunday, August 11, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Ronnie Leigh has agreed to a one man show for \$400.00. Diamond Catering has agreed to light appetizers with a cash bar and fee lemonade and water. We need a committee to determine ticket price, advertising, sponsorship and library tours. We will need to have single door entry (Community Room) and ID's must be checked. Please see Mary Beth R. to help.

SECESSION PLAN:

We have lots of decisions to make. Do we want to continue our current model? Unfortunately we have not had a vice-president for several years. It was suggested that the vice-president step into the roll of president after having received a year of guidance for the president. Would co-officers work for us? Anne A. is not willing to be president again but would be willing to help a new person learn the job. She will work on getting job descriptions for each office. Do we need time off or should we meet every month?

We need to make this meeting more inviting. Perhaps Chantal R. can make bookmarks with the new logo with the meeting dates for each patron that checks out a book.

The seminar on February 12 should help us with some of theses decisions. We will share those ideas in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM. Our next meeting will be March 6 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Parry, Secretary

On February 7, Anne A. motioned on-line that The Friends will purchase an American flag and stand for OFL for the cost of \$199.00., seconded by CJ S. and approved.