

Friends of Onondaga Free Library
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 19, 2019

Meeting called to order by Pres. Anne Andrianos at 6:35 p.m.

In attendance: Anne Andrianos, Jeanette Nels, Kathy DeSanctis, Barbara Leigh, Mary Beth Roach, Mary Buckhout, Mary Taylor, John Thornton, Donna Zeolla and Deb Carey (recording for Sue Parry who was unable to attend) along with library staff: Susan Morgan and Chantal Rothermel.

Pre-business to official agenda:

- Story Walk Signs: Chantal R. showed us 10 double-sided signs that would be placed at Santaro Park for the upcoming Story Walk of Bruce Coville book. The Friends will be noted at the walk as having provided 100 books for readers who participate, until the books run out. Many positive comments made about the signs' attractiveness and likely success for this first-ever event.
- Mary Girolamo was honored for her 25+ years of active membership in the Friends of OFL. Current Friends' leadership team collected money to present her with a Barnes and Noble gift card and showed her a newly purchased NY Yankees library book with a nameplate honoring her in the flyleaf. A dessert and water drinks were provided at the conclusion of the presentation.
- Announcements: Anne A. led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag in a new step for aligning with other Friends' organizational practices.
- Minutes of the May 1, 2019 Meeting: read and approved.
- Treasurer's Report: While the report was presented overhead, discussion occurred about the \$50 gift prize for the April Logo Contest winner. Anne offered to confer with George Bain prior to the next meeting about this issue he had with this and bring information to the next meeting.
- Director's Report: Susan M. gave a brief overview of upcoming events such as
 - Story Walk plans for Santaro Park, with possibly refreshments and water at end.
 - August 10 Barbecue Truck meal - invited all to participate.
 - Summer reading programs - will be in action and the Adult Program will be handled online. Green Hills Market, Byrne Dairy, Crazy Daisies, Finally Ours, and Beak-n-Skiff, all Town of Onondaga businesses, will provide prizes.
 - Funding Request: made by Susan for children's Librarian, Maggie Gall, to obtain funds to purchase toys appropriate for children with sensory issues. Some questions about what these actually are.

Old Business: Short Reports:

- Membership Campaign: List of donors by "Author Categories," for 2018-19, is on Friends' Counter, thanks to Mark D. and Mary Beth R. Also, currently have 172 Friends and need 28 more to qualify for bulk mailing. Discussion ensued about best pricing for mailing -letters or postcards? Unclear at this time. Also talked briefly about mailings for library events vs. Friends' event. We do have a budget for mailings, and Pres. Anne reminded us that we do need to be mindful of how we spend our money vis-a-vis cost of mailings.
- Aug. 10 Bar-B-Que truck event - we are advertising to the Friends' only, with \$3.00 coupon postcards. OFL will be honoring Teen volunteers thru this event and has opened up to Friends as well in appreciation.
- Senior Art Show and Reception: Susan, Donna Z., and volunteers were commended by all for the well-received and attended Art Show and Reception. We may explore holding another one near the fall holidays, given Susan's okay.
- Maggie Gall's funding request for sensory-appropriate toys - was revisited at Donna Z's request that we provide her with support ASAP. Did vote to provide funds not to exceed \$200 at this time - hope to see how this goes.
- Abbott's Gift Cards: approved for all OFL staff (20) in appreciation of their work.
- Book Bags: were displayed along with information on their sizes, material, and costs on a back table, during the informal eat and chat session at the beginning of the meeting. Directors/officers were invited to put a sticky tab on their top two choices, labeling their tabs with #1 or #2 and their initials. The winning bag will be ordered, with our new LOGO on the side, for sale at the Sept. Book Sale. (Late in the meeting, the group authorized up to \$600 for 100 new bags.)

Leadership and Succession Plan:

Summer Meetings: Anne suggested that our current leadership team has stepped up to cover all the needed bases such that the July and August meetings are not needed. Still must consider our working calendar, and needed changes in the Articles of Association for the Friends' Organization. These topics will be covered in upcoming meetings.

New Business:

- Crafts for a Cause: explanation of what this is about but no action taken on the topic.
- BBQ: we will be sending out coupons to current Friends for \$3 off price of the meat.
- Renewal of State-Wide Friends of Libraries Membership: \$50 was approved to cover fee. This provides elected officers and directors with free webinars, meetings at the State or regional levels, and reduced pricing for the annual conference.

Tabled Items:

- Open meetings
- Giving ideas:
 - Consider if our funding should be specific to OFL or the reading community in general?
 - Continue our current pattern of purchasing item by item for OFL when requested by Library Director or other librarians?
 - Give general amount to Director for programming so Friends are relieved from planning and executing financial support for community-based programs like book delivery?
- Conduct significantly bigger fund-raising events?
- Continue current practices for funding?

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Parry, Secretary