

Friends of Onondaga Free Library
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 4, 2019

PRESENT:

Directors: Anne Andrianos, Deb Carey, Susan Parry, Mary Beth Roach and John Thornton

Absent: George Bain, Jeanette Nels, CJ Sturdevant and Donna Zeolla

OFL Staff: Maggie Gall-Maynard

Members: Brooke Abbott, Kathy DeSanctis, Barbara Leigh and Mary Taylor

The meeting was opened at 6:35PM by Anne A. The Pledge of Alliance was recited. Anne A. read the letter of resignation submitted by Jeanette Nels. as of September 1, 2019.

The minutes from June were reviewed. The following corrections were noted: Chantal Rothermel was a staff representative; Abbott's gift cards were \$5.00 each for the 20 staff members for a total of \$100.00; Friends' Board Book should include that Anne A. will share it with the group; and Banners:3X5 from Budget Signs in Eastwood, are being made for us. They are weatherproof, with grommets for hanging inside or out and can be rolled up for storage. The cost is \$60.00. It was moved to buy the banners and approved. John T. moved to accept the corrected minutes, seconded by Mary Beth R. and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Anne A.

George B.'s reports are available online. Our checking account balance is \$10,665.30. Money is being saved for the Teen Space that will be developed on the second floor. It will attract teens to a safe area with a new location, technology and furniture. The Board of Trustees has approved \$25,000.00 for this project and we will fill in with items not budgeted by the Board of Trustees. Susan Morgan will be able to tell us more in October. Mary Beth R. moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by John T. and approved.

John T. moved that we host a holiday concert with refreshments, not to exceed \$500.00, that we contribute \$300.00 for the holiday brunch, that we purchase chocolates for the staff as a holiday treat for \$150.00, that we purchase a book for the Rosamond Gifford Lecture Series raffle (Tayari Jones on March 31, 2020), not to exceed \$50.00, and funds for the December Senior Art Reception, not to exceed \$100.00, for a total of \$1100.00. Seconded by Susan P. and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Membership Drive: Kathy D. The brochures are not changing this year and the letter is almost ready to go. We discussed whether we wanted to note the specific gifts for 2018 from Friends to the library or be more general with the items we have purchased over the years. Do we want to include our staff appreciation activities? The letters will be printed in house with no cost to Friends. It was noted the our Web Page is much neglected and in need of an update. Brooke A. found the page confusing when she tried to decide which membership level fit her best. We need to increase our presence electronically.
- Honor Roll for Friends contributors: Mary Beth R. We will update the list of contributors on January 1 and July 1. The framed Honor Roll cannot be hung from the ceiling because it is too heavy.
- Map of the Town of Onondaga: Mary Beth R. The Town is very large with over 20,000 register voters. We have less than 200 Friends. We need to figure out a way to contact people and let them know about our group.
- Book Bags: Deb C. One hundred bags have been ordered at around \$5.00 each. The bags will be shipped September 9 and should be at the library in time for the book sale. We will sell them for \$10.00 each.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mission Statement: Mary Beth R. We are still working on it.
- Google Docs: Anne A. It will be ready for our October meeting.
- Amending the Articles of Association: Anne A. We need to establish term limits for the President and Vice-President. We need a statement that all voting by e-mail must be unanimous with no Director abstaining.
- New Leadership: Anne A. Anne A. will be resigning as President and Director effective November 6. She has been in both positions for five years and will continue to support Friends as an ambassador.

- Elections in November: Susan P. We have two open Directorships and an opening for President. We will hold elections in November to fill these positions until the general election in April. Please let Susan P. know if you are interested in filling these openings. CJ S. can no longer come to meetings on Wednesday. We will contact her to see if she can continue to be a Director. She has been working on several projects even though she cannot attend meetings.
- Friends Week: Week of October 20. Balloons may be hard to find with the helium shortage. Brooke A. suggested beach balls from the dollar store. Maggie G. would like a representative to speak at the Storytimes and Wiggle Worms programs. Since we need new, younger members this would be a great time to introduce Friends. Kathy D. will find speakers Mary Beth R. will coordinate the week's events.
- Senior Art Show Reception: The reception will be December 5 from 4:00PM until 6:00PM.
- Spring Geology Day: Anne A. Anne A. has always found speakers but will not be back until April. It was suggested that we host this program in the summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM. Our next meeting will be October 2 , 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Parry, Secretary