

Friends of Onondaga Free Library
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 3, 2020

Due to COVID-19 the meeting was conducted via ZOOM beginning at 7:00PM.

PRESENT:

Directors: Mary Buckout, Barbara Leigh, Susan Parry, Mary Beth Roach, CJ Sturtevant, John Thornton and Donna Zeolla
Absent: George Bain and Pamela McLaughlin
Library Staff: Alyssa Newton
Members: Anne Andrianos, Kathy DeSanctis and Mary Taylor

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mary Beth R. has notified the Town of Onondaga that we will not be hosting the block party.
- Susan Morgan has received our deposit back from the bus company for the trip to Seneca Falls. She will write a check to Friends on Friday.
- There are two FLA Webinars. Mary Beth R. is having trouble signing up for the June 9 session, Charitable Planned Giving as a Fund Raising Tool. The next one is September 23, Engaging Millennials.
- The May minutes were read on-line. Donna Z. made a motion to approve them, seconded by John T. and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Beth R.

There have been no changes since our May meeting, keeping our balance at \$6369.06.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Alyssa N.

- Thank you for funding the summer reading program. Since we are worried about screen fatigue, we are happy to be providing 120 craft kits for July and 120 STEAM kits for August. All kits will have a Friends sticker on them. Each teen participant will receive a gift card and the younger group will receive a book. Both groups will get a Gannon's token. Mary Beth R. would like a picture of the kits for our newsletter. Anne A. said that Dan Andrianos will be glad to donate rocks. Alyssa N. said they could be used in August with the STEAM kits.
- Employees are back in the library doing training. Curbside pick up by appointment will begin on Monday, June 8, starting with books that were on hold before the library closed. The book drop is open and all books will be quarantined for a week before they are placed on the shelves. There will be no inter-library lending at this time. Staff is currently accepting books, answering phones and offering programming via social media. Due to social distancing guidelines only four people are in the building at one time.
- Al Oliveras has moved to Albany, taking a job with the state. Scott Lipkowitz will be our new Digital Services and Technology librarian. He is relocating from New York City where he was a librarian with CUNY Hunter. His wife is a student at ESF.
- All in person summer programming has been cancelled. There is a lot of adult programming in June.
- Alyssa N. wondered if the craft group would be interested in ZOOM sessions. Anne A. will check with Jeanette Nels to see if she is interested in starting it up again. Is there a possibility we could use the garden for our meetings? Anne A. also suggested that we could have a book club in the garden. Alyssa N. will check with Susan M. and get back to us.

OLD BUSINESS:

MEMBERSHIP: Kathy D.

Kathy D. will work with Chantal Rothermel to compose a new membership letter, highlighting our accomplishments. John Thornton, Mary Taylor, CJ Sturtevant and Kathy agreed to work on this Sept. membership donation mailing. Kathy will contact Deb Carey to ask if she would be willing to continue to work with the committee. Kathy D. will get the

supplies she needs via curbside pickup. We have over 100 names in our e-mail database. There were no new memberships in May.

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE: Mary Beth R.

Mary Beth R. Will contact the health department to see if there are new guidelines for bake sales. We still need a chairperson.

MCLAIN RAFFLE: Mary Beth R.

Kathy D. informed us that Friends of Central Library will be doing a talk with Paula McLain virtually. We can secure two tickets for our raffle winner. On-line raffles (even if no money is exchanged) are prohibited by the State Gaming Commission. It was suggested that we just draw names for the tickets and each book we are giving away. Kathy D. suggested that we just chose a number which will correspond to a member name for each item. Mary Beth R. will do that as soon as possible. If the member does not want the tickets or book she will just move on to the next person.

NYLA MEMBERSHIP: Mary Beth R.

Our membership dues of \$50.00 is due July 1. Mary Beth R. will pass the invoice on to George B. if we are in agreement to join. John T. made a motion to renew our membership in NYLA, seconded by Barbara L. and approved.

Mary Beth R. would like to have a brainstorming session for ideas for fundraising. John T., Mary T., Barbara L., Donna Z. and Susan P. agreed to meet. Mary Beth R. will set a date and let us know when we can meet.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, July 8, at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Parry, Secretary