

Friends of Onondaga Free Library
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 2, 2020

Due to COVID-19 the meeting was conducted via ZOOM.

PRESENT:

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

The meeting was called to order at 7PM. We received a thank you note from Jeanette Nels for the two Paula McLain books and the tickets to her lecture as part of the Rosamond Gifford Series. There is a NYLA seminar on engaging millennials for which Mary Beth R. has registered. The minutes for July were read on-line. Barbara L. made a motion to accept them, seconded by Donna Z. and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Beth R.

George B. sent the reports on-line. The balance in the checking account is \$4446.86. There are some memberships in the drawer and we do have some expenses that have not yet been paid. Our insurance has gone up a few dollars.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Susan M.

We have had eight weeks of in person visitation to the library and it is going well. After Labor Day we will also be opening in the morning from 10 until noon. Circulation has been decent. We had the most ever website hits in July. We were the first west area library to open so we have seen lots of new people from other libraries in the area. We are still making appointments for curb side pick up and in person visitation for tracking purposes.

Our last Votes for Women Zoom meeting will be on September 24, at 6:30. Seneca Falls and the Origins of the Women's Rights Movement will be the discussion book. On September 30, at 6:30, Kimberly Hamlin will present a program in conjunction with our Votes for Women. Ms Hamlin grew up in Camillus and had written several books on the history of women, gender and sex.

Susan M. thanked us for our gift of the summer reading programs. The kits for kids went very well.

The Little Free Library at Green Hills was discussed. We have nice books ready to go into it. Mary Beth R. wondered how we would quarantine books when they were returned. At this time it seems there is too much involved to get it up and running safely.

Mary T. asked about the Festival of Trees. Susan M. does not see why it can't happen. Mary T. and Deb Carey have all the necessary materials and will contact previous decorators in October. Mary T. will get the information to Chantal so that it can be included in the next newsletter. There will be no in-person programing so the drawing will be done in a social distanced atmosphere in the middle of December.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Kathy D.

I am traveling Wed and may miss the meeting. Our membership committee report :

The Membership committee consisting of CJ Sturtevant, John Thornton, Deb Carey, Mary Taylor and myself met on Aug. 10 and completed the envelope stuffing for 387 contacts. Letters were mailed that week and we have received 8 donations to date. The donations totaled \$718.60 with an average donation of \$89.83 with one \$250 donation. Last year's membership drive had 151 Friend donations out of 320 mailings. We collected \$7413.08 with an average donation of \$49.09.

COOKBOOK: Barbara L.

Barbara has contacted two local printers and found that Upstate Printing has the best prices. For 100 books, 6X9 format with 100 pages, spiral binding, copy ready, with a glossy cover and a week's lead time the price would be \$575.00. The consensus was that we could sell a cookbook for \$10.00 each. This is a difficult time to ask people to place ads so we will not do that. We will put a plug in the newsletter for recipes, John T. can put a blurb on Facebook and Mary Beth R. will draft a letter we can send. The deadline for recipes will be October 1. Possibly the Teen Group could design a cover for us.

Donna Z. made a motion begin the process for the cookbook not to exceed more than \$600.00, seconded by Barbara L. and approved.

BOOK SALE: Susan P.

Three ideas for a modified book sale were presented. No one was excited about any of the ideas and we were not sure how well any would work. Donations would have to be quarantined for four days before we could start to sort them. Pamela M. made a motion to table the book sale until the spring of 2021, seconded by Barbara L. and approved. We will have a notice in the newsletter asking people to save their donations until the spring.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44PM. Our next meeting will be Wednesday October 7 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Parry, Secretary