Friends of Onondaga Free Library  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
December 1, 2021

PRESENT:
Directors: Barbara Leigh, Pamela McLaughlin, Susan Parry, Mary Beth Roach, Mary Taylor, John Thornton and Donna Zeolla  
Absent: George Bain  
Library Staff: Susan Morgan  
Members: Anne Andrianos, Deb Carey, Sheila Graudons and Amy Kremenek

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. The minutes for November were read online. John T. made a motion to accept them, seconded by Sheila G. and approved.

TREASURERS REPORT: Mary Beth R. and George B. via email
  • We have $13,109.30 in our checking account. John T. made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Susan P. and approved.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Susan M.
  • November was another productive month with great circulation numbers.  
  • The holiday photo shoot was really well accepted. We will probably do several more in the coming year. Perhaps we can schedule the photo booth at the same time.  
  • The Senior Art show is up. There are still two open months - September and October - if anyone knows of an artist willing to show their works.  
  • The Wishing Well suggestions have generated some programming and books ideas. Some of the ideas were already in the works. If the staff has any questions or needs funding for the suggestions they will get back to us in January.

MEMBERSHIP: Mary Beth R. and Kathy D. via email
  • As of Dec. 1, 2021- 2022 Membership drive information  
  o Total amount to date= $7,210 Total number of donors= 130  
  o Average donation= $55.50  
  o (Our second mailing’s responses to date= $1,340 from 25 donors for an average of $55.83.)  
  o I'm hopeful that we will get more donations in the coming months, but this is probably the bulk of the membership money from this year's membership drive.  
  o Kathy and the membership committee- John, Mary, Deb, Sue  
  ▪ There are 15 less members and about $700.00 less money that the 2020 drive.

FESTIVAL OF TREES: Mary T. and Deb C.
  • Set up went smoothly. Sales are brisk. It will be interesting to see if more tickets were sold online or in person. The drawing will be Saturday December 11 at 10:00AM.

HOLIDAY STAFF APPRECIATION: Mary Beth R.
  • There will not be a brunch this year due to COVID.  
  • There were several ideas presented as to giving chocolates to the staff. Pam M. made a motion to spend up to $130.00 for individually boxed chocolates from Sweet on Chocolate for the twenty staff members. Other ideas were Speach Candy, Chocolate Pizza Company and Lindt (we would have to buy boxes and assemble ourselves). We will add the poem that Barb L. wrote to each box.
WINTER MAKE AND TAKE ACTIVITY KITS: Mary Beth R.
- Candyland is the theme for winter break. Maggie Gall-Maynard will order items for the activity kits. We will have approximately 50 kits each for preschool and kindergarten - grade 3. We will assemble the kits. Donna Z. made a motion to spend up to $400.00 for 100 make and take kits, Seconded by Sue P. and approved.
- Last month Maggie M-G. mentioned that she wanted a hanging system for the library’s activity kits. We have not heard back. Susan M. will check with her.

GEOLOGY DAY: Anne A.
- The Rock Doc is excited to be invited back to OFL and is ready to go. The Community Room is limited to 30 people. We decided to schedule him for April 23, the Saturday after Earth Day. Several Suggestions were made as to topics we think would interest patrons. Perhaps we can offer soapstone carving for teens and adults in July. Anne A. will let us know what topics he plans to present.

COOKBOOK/TOTE SALES: Mary Beth R.
- We will sell cookbooks for $10.00 and totes for $10.00 or both for $15.00. We will have a table on Saturdays December 11 and 18 from 10-2. We will also give away gently used books from our stock of Little Free Library and books sale books.

LEGACY GIFTS: Susan M.
- Susan M. requested funding for our Legacy Gifts:$2,000.00 for Lucky Day Books including copies of the library book club selections, $2,000.00 for e-books and $3,000.00 for the summer reading program. Barb L. made a motion to spend $7,000.00 for the Legacy Gifts with the understanding that the donation check will not be written to the library until after January 1, 2022, seconded by Donna Z. and approved.

Donna Z. and Susan P. will shop for the Winter Blues Basket to be given away in February. It will be decided later as to whether we will have the shamrock sale. At this time the St. Patrick’s Day Parade is scheduled for March 12.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05. Our next meeting will be January 5, 2022, at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Parry, Secretary