

Friends of Onondaga Free Library
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 2, 2021

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

PRESENT:

Directors: Barbara Leigh, Susan Parry, Mary Beth Roach, Mary Taylor, John Thornton and Donna Zeolla

Absent: Mary Buckout, George Bain and Pamela McLaughlin

Library Staff: Susan Morgan

Members: Anne Andrianos and Kathy DeSanctis

The meeting began at 7:00PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mary Beth R. thanked everyone who is working so hard to sort books and get them upstairs for the sale on Saturday.
- NYLA asked Friends groups what they were doing to function during the COVID crisis. Kathy D. wrote a great report highlighting our membership drive, Festival of Trees and the cookbook. We are one of two groups that will be featured on a call on July 15. Mary Beth R. and Kathy D. will represent us. Thanks, Kathy, for taking the time to send in the report.
- Thanks to Kathy and Mark DeSanctis for putting the flags out for Memorial Day and thanks to Deb Carey, Barb L., John T. and Donna Z for selecting plants and getting them planted in the planters. They look great.
- The minutes for May were read on-line. Barb L. made a motion to accept them, seconded by Mary T. and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Beth R.

George B. e-mailed his reports so they can be viewed on-line. Our checking account balance is \$4200.34, down about \$2000.00 from last year at this time. There is \$19.43 in our bulk mail account. This will renew in the fall and we will need to add money for the membership drive.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Susan M.

- Susan M. wanted to thank those who are working to get the book sale ready, including our teen volunteers.
- There will be Storytimes and Family Fun Fridays at the Town parks for 8 weeks from July 6 - August 27. She would like some one to represent Friends at each session. We would promote Friends and hand out free books. She will send a schedule out.
- MOST will be coming to the library and Susan M. would like a representative at that program also. It is a Thursday and she will get the date to us.
- We have not yet gotten the passes to the County Parks.
- Susan M. is planning a staff appreciation event for staff, Trustees and Friends on Saturday August 14 from 2:00-3:30. It will feature the Gannon's Ice Cream truck. The cost is \$350.00 and she would like to split this between Friends and the Board of Trustees. We all agreed that this was something we would like to do for the always smiling, ever helpful staff. Donna Z. made a motion to spend \$175.00 for the Staff Appreciation Event, seconded by Mary T. and approved.

BOOK SALE: Susan P.

- Many thanks to everyone who is tirelessly sorting books. There are a lot of books! We need as many people as possible for set up and tear down.
- We will have a separate "Swag Table" with book bags and cook books for \$10.00 each or both for \$15.00.
- At 2:00 we will sell Wegman's bags for \$5.00, our book bag for \$10.00 and cartons for \$15.00 for people to fill with books.
- We do have several charities taking left over books and the rest will be shuttled to thrift stores on Monday.

BOOKS SANDWICHED IN: Anne A.

- Brighton Memorial Library is delighted that we are interested in their Books Sandwiched In Program and are happy to Zoom with us. This is different from a book club because a person is chosen to be a presenter of the chosen book. The audience comes to hear the presenter talk about the book rather than have a discussion. This is done during the lunch hour with everyone bringing a bag lunch. The presenter can be paid or volunteer his/her services. This is done in collaboration with the library. Perhaps we could provide a dessert.

PRE-PRINTED ENVELOPES: Mary Beth R.

- Upstate, who did our cookbook, will charge between \$170.00 and \$190.00 and Avalon, who did our brochures will charge around \$120.00. We can get 1000 envelopes from COSTCO for \$20.00 and Staples will charge \$35.00 to print the return address. Kathy D. will buy the envelopes and take them to Staples.

Mary Beth R. would like us to think of ideas for Fall programs.

The Articles of Association state that Friends will meet each month except July and August. We feel we need meeting this summer to keep planning for the fall and winter. It has been a challenge with ZOOM meetings. With people going south for the winter that would be a better time to take off although those members could join us on ZOOM. Susan P. made a motion to meet monthly, seconded by Donna Z. and approved. When we are able to meet in person and amend the Articles of Association this issue will be revisited.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Kathy D.

- Kathy D. would like to meet in August to get the membership letter drafted and printed to be mailed in September with a follow up letter in November. We will need 1000 letters, envelopes and labels. She will let her committee know when she schedules the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM. Our next meeting will be July 7, 2021, at 7:00PM in the garden.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Parry, Secretary