

Friends of Onondaga Free Library
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 2, 2022

PRESENT:

Directors: Pam McLaughlin, Susan Parry, Mary Beth Roach John Thornton and Donna Zeolla (ZOOM) Absent: George Bain, Barbara Leigh and Mary Taylor

Staff: Susan Morgan

Members: Anne Andrianos (ZOOM), Kathy DeSanctis (ZOOM), Sheila Gaudons and Laura Maynard

- We received a thank you card from a staff member for the holiday chocolates. The winter activity kits were very well received. Thank you to all who helped assemble them. We need to think about ways that we can reach the parents of those who took a kit.
- Linda Kline was the winner of the February Blues Basket.
- Crazy Daisies has agreed to donate a \$25.00 gift card for the Shamrock Sale. Raffle tickets will be \$1.00 for one or \$5.00 for six. An online motion was made to sell raffle tickets for the Crazy Daisies gift card by Mary T., seconded by Pam. M. and approved via e-mail.

The minutes for February were read on-line. A motion was made by Pam M. to accept them, seconded by John T. and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: George B. (e-mail) and Mary Beth R.

- We have \$7,686.24 in our checking account.
- A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Susan P., seconded by Pam M. and approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Susan M.

- We had a great response to our winter break Candyland game. There were over 500 entries in the candy guessing game and 138 families played the game.
- Our February stats were very strong.
- Our Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees is Wednesday, March 23, at 6:00PM. We will introduce our new slate of trustees and present our annual budget. All are welcome to attend.
- We welcome Brandan Carroll as our new circulation librarian on March 28. He will work directly with the circulation desk and any issues concerning circulation.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Kathy D.

- We only had one new donation this Feb. There are currently 143 members for a total donation of \$8035. Average donation was \$56.19.
- Our membership committee needs to plan the wine and cheese preview party for the night before our June book sale.

BOOK SALE: Susan P.

- I attended a NYLA session concerning leftover books from sales. Many of the libraries were able to store books and have mini sales throughout the year which we are unable to do since we have no storage space.
 - Some suggestions that may help:
 - 2 bags of books for \$5.00 during the last hour
 - Free book giveaways in our corner occasionally
 - Invite teachers to come after the sale for free books
 - DVDs and CDs to local nursing homes
 - We are going to have a book seller help us with sales of non fiction books

- It was suggested that we have a members only sale the first evening. We are going to try it this year, possibly combined with a fee event during the last hour for book sellers.
- Volunteers were recruited using posters, social media, advertising circulars and by letting school know that we can use student volunteers, especially if community service hours are needed.
- Some sales took credit cards while others did not. There was no consensus on whether or not this was helpful.
- It was suggested that different colored dots be used on books that are held from year to year so we know how long they have been hanging around. We will try this.
- There is a new Little Free Library at Webster Pond so we can donate nature books to them.

PREVIEW PARTY: Mary Beth R. and Kathy D.

The Wine and Cheese party may be cost prohibitive. We can get a temporary beer and wine permit for \$30.00 and find a bartender to pour for \$50.00 but the insurance costs may make it too expensive. Susan M. will check again with the library insurers and Mary Beth R. will check with our insurance carrier.

WISHING WELL UPDATE: Susan M.

We are still looking into gaming systems and streaming options.

ELECTION OVERVIEW: Susan P.

We are thrilled that Mary Taylor has decide to remain on the Board and we would like to welcome Sheila Gaudons and Laura Maynard to the Board in April. Sheila G. and Laura M. have been working on various projects for Friends. We look forward to their input with projects and new ideas. Thanks all three of you for stepping up.

SLATE OF OFFICERS: Pam McLaughlin President 2 year term
 George Bain Treasurer 1 year term
 Susan Parry Secretary 1 year term
 We need a vice president willing to fill Pam's position in 2024

SLATE OF DIRECTORS: 3 year term ending in April 2025
 George Bain
 Sheila Gaudons
 Laura Maynard
 Pam McLaughlin
 Mary Taylor

FYI - no vote needed: Term ending in April 2024
 Susan Parry
 Mary Beth Roach
 John Thornton
 Term ending in April 2023
 Barbara Leigh
 Donna Zeolla

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY IN COLONIAL LAUNDROMAT: Mary Beth R.

We will accept gently used children's books at the Shamrock Sale. Shelving unit is here and will be installed soon.

STRATHMORE SERIES: Mary Beth R.

We have been asked to sponsor a speaker for the Strathmore Series. This is a very popular event, attracting around 130 people per speaker. Our technology librarian, Scott Lipkowicz, is on the Board. This would support adult program through the library as well as promoting Friends as a donor in their publicity. A motion was made to spend not more than \$250.00 to sponsor a Strathmore Speaker by Susan P., seconded by Donna Z. and approved.

GEOLOGY PROGRAM: Mary Beth R. and Anne A.

- Debbie Zabel will be our staff contact person for this event.
- The Rock Doc will present a youth program on identifying rocks at 10:00 AM. If necessary he will present the same program at 11:15. Rocks will cost \$2.00 each with free fossils. The adult session will begin at 2:00PM and will be on several topics. Ice cream will be served after the youth program. We also need to provide 2-\$25.00 gift cards as an honorarium and lunch for the speaker. A motion was made to spend not more than \$200.00 on the ice cream, spoons, gift cards and lunch for Geology Day was made by Susan P., seconded but Pam M. and approved.
- The Rock Doc would like to teach soap stone carving in July. Santaro Park is not accepting applications until April. We need to be sure we are insured for offsite events.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Laura M.

We have 51 Instagram followers which is great for only running for a month. As of yet we have no donors. Laura M. is always looking for content. Pam M. will help vet any content that will be used on Instagram. Laura M. will acquaint us with Venmo at another meeting.

We will use our current labels for books in the Little Free Libraries that we sponsor.

Program calendar deadlines were noted: Spring due by February 1, Summer due by May 1, Fall due by August 1 and Winter due by November 1.

Our next meeting will be April 6 at 7:00PM. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Parry