

Friends of Onondaga Free Library
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date: July 6, 2023

Present:

Directors: Sheila Graudons, Barbara Leigh, Pamela McLaughlin, Susan Parry, Mary Beth Roach, Mary Taylor and John Thornton

Staff: Susan Morgan

Absent: George Bain and Donna Zeolla

The minutes for June were read online. A motion was made by Mary T. to accept the minutes, seconded by John T. and approved.

Pam M. announced that Laura Sullivan will be an ambassador and will continue to be our social media guru. She will help with anything that she can.

Susan M. announced that Scott Lipkowitz has been named assistant director. He will continue in his role as Digital Services and Technology Librarian. He has a volunteer who comes in every week to help with technology.

We still need to buy a butterfly bush.

TREASURER'S REPORT: George B. via online and Pam M.

Attached are statements through today, June 30, as I am out of town next week.

Our current balance of \$11,206.39, compares to \$8,647.77 as of June 30 a year ago. We began this year with a balance of \$15,226.07 compared to \$14,620.85 on Jan. 1, 2021. Major year-to-date comparisons are gifts to the library \$9,525.60 this year (\$10,402.84 last year), memberships \$854.57 (\$1,087.52), and used book sale \$4,797.57 (\$3,548.24). Remember that receipts from the online sale of used books began in August last year and gave us four months of income this year before the book sale in May. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Mary Beth R., seconded by John T. and approved.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Susan M.

Summer is in full swing. Programming will start tomorrow. So far, we have 241 children, 61 teens and 125 adults registered for the summer reading program.

Kori Gerbig's last day was Friday. We are still trying to fill her position but it is difficult because it is part-time. We are also still looking for a teen librarian.

ASKS:

Scott L. would like to bring back the very popular dance program in the fall. The spring session was full.

Scott L. would like a gaming station and mouse for the teen space.

Jill Hand would like \$1500.00 for Wonder Book Read-A-Longs for the children's collection.

We will support Scott L.'s requests and he will get back to us with pricing.

A motion to fund the request for Wonder Books was made by Mary Beth R, seconded by Barb L. and approved.

There is nothing new on the pricing for the two single sided bookcases. A motion was made to spend \$2206.12 for two bookcases by Sheila G., seconded by Barb. L., and approved.

The craft group that meets on Thursday mornings will be doing small craft projects with children twice in July.

BROCHURE REVISIONS: Barb L.

Barb. L presented two versions for the cover of the brochure. We decided we like the blue background with the pictures from the lighter one. Perhaps we could find a photo that represents our diverse patrons. We would like the names on the boxes and the sign on the book sale background photoshopped out. We will include mail as an option for contacting the giver. Under the volunteer section we will add assemble raffle baskets and take out bake sales. We will remove the contact us space. We will take off all the "ing"s in the Every Little Bit Helps section. Upstate printing gave us the best price. We will provide a copy ready proof and take it down to them to be sure there are no glitches. We will order 2500 copies. Turnaround time is seven days.

A motion to print 2500 brochures for a cost of \$650.00 from Upstate Printing was made by Mary T., seconded by John T. and approved. A huge thanks was expressed to Barb. L and Chantal Rothermel for all their hard work in pulling together this beautiful brochure.

SENIOR ART RECEPTION: Donna Z.

Donna Z. sent a note to thank all the volunteers that made the art reception a success. As always there was a huge turnout. We were able to present the Proclamation to Martha Mulroy at the reception.

LONG RANGE PLANNING: Pam M.

A small group met but there was lots of input. The group requests that the final plan include at least one explicit goal related to the Friends and ways in which the two entities might work together in the areas of project development, membership/ volunteer development and engagement, fundraising, and other areas of mutual interest. Susan M. said that we have received over 400 surveys.

Mary Beth R. mentioned that, before the pandemic, we were in the process of arranging a bus trip to the Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls. She was wondering if that is still a possibility. Susan M. said that the program was paid for by a grant for the 100th anniversary and that is no longer available. We could use a permanent sign in the garden.

Pam M. asked if anyone from the staff was going to the NYLA meeting. She would not mind going but needs to be brought up to speed on what is happening at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM. Our next meeting is August 2, 2023, at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Parry, Secretary