

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

PRESENT:

Directors: Sheila Graudons, Barbara Leigh, Pamela McLaughlin, Susan Parry, Mary Beth Roach, Laura Sullivan, Mary Taylor, John Thornton and Donna Zella
Absent: George Bain
Staff: Susan Morgan
Members: Anne Andrianos

The meeting was opened at 7:00PM. The minutes from July were read online. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Mary Beth R., seconded by Barb L. and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pam M. and George B. via e-mail

There was no change in our balance. It remains at \$8,668.77. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Sue P., seconded by Sheila G. and approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Kathy DeSanctis via e-mail

Our number of members remains at 168. Our committee will meet in August to plan Sept. Mailing for the 2023 donor campaign. Thanks to Mary, John, Barb, Deb and Sheila for agreeing to work on the 2023 campaign. Our first mailing goes out in late September, so please send me by Sept. 1 any mailing addresses to add to our bulk mailing.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Susan M.

- Thank you for funding the summer reading program. About 100 adults, 70 teens and over 400 children are enrolled. We are at the mid-point of the programing and everything is running smoothly.
- The baby chicks are here and will be going to their forever home shortly.
- Our numbers show that people are still happy to be back at the library. We had over 23,000 items checked out and 6,756 people came though our doors.
- We have started a new round of interviews for our Youth Services Librarian. We would like to have this position filled by September. We are also hiring a part time person to assist Chantal Rothermel with marketing and PR. August 17 is the deadline to apply.
- We have a new one time funding request. Alyssa Newton would like \$1,000.00 to increase the Manga collection, Kori Gerbig would like \$2,000.00 to increase juvenile non-fiction and Scott Lipkowitz would like \$1,000.00 for PC to add extra components to beef up the gaming. After discussion, a motion was made to fund this request for \$3,000.00, with only \$1,000.00 for juvenile non-fiction, by Mary Beth R. seconded by Donna Z. and approved. We will revisit the request for juvenile non-fiction after our membership drive and book sale.

Pam L. went to a Board of Trustees meeting. They were very impressed with what we provide to the library. They were pleased that we are generating awareness of the library through our little libraries, summer reading programs and activities such as the soapstone carving event. We will check to see if the board members are Friends and add the names of the board members to our membership drive.

We have distributed out about 100 books in our summer reading program give away. We will reach out of Onondaga Central Schools to see if they have any programs where we can give away books. Kindergarten orientation would be a great place to give them away.

We will be getting a refund from the photo booth company. The dates we wanted were not available. They will refund the money to the library and the library will reimburse Friends.

FALL BOOK SALE: Susan P.

- We need new signs with the changes in the days. I will get some estimates. The signs should be smaller to hold up better in the wind.
- Since we are moving the sale up to Wednesday we cannot get as many tables from the town. Please think of places that we can borrow tables.
- Nate DeVito said we sold a fair amount of books. A check should be arriving some time this month. We will be able to have his scanner in October.
- Susan M. going to have the library open on Sunday, October 23, from noon-3 for people to come in for free books. This should help defray our haul away costs. The town will pick up unsold books on Monday, October 24, at 7:00AM.

SOAPSTONE CARVING: Mary Beth R.

I have been having trouble getting the \$100.00 deposit back from the town. I will give it another few days.

Hello All --

In anticipation of our monthly meeting next week, I am submitting a report on the Soapstone Carving event. Soapstone Recap We had about 50 participants across all ages, so it was well received. We gave the Rock Doc a \$50 Visa gift card. The supplies cost less than \$20. The Town Parks Department required a \$100 deposit, which I wrote a check for. I anticipate getting that money back from the Town, so I haven't sent a reimbursement request to George. I have sent an email into the Town, trying to get an idea as to when I might receive it. All in all, I think it went well. Weather cooperated. Some very creative people out there. Big thanks to Kathy D., Sue P., Barb L. and Donna Z. for coming out that morning to help out. Photos were posted to FB and Instagram.

MEMORY CARE KITS:

We will table this until next month since Kathy . is not here. Susan M. has not been able to connect with the DeWitt library yet.

GROWING FRIENDS: Pam L.

Buttonhole people who use the library - what do they want from us. Ask a few short questions.

- Are you familiar with Friends?
- How did you hear about us?
- Have you ever participated in a Friends event?
- What do you think we could do to enhance Library services?
- What activities would you enjoy?
- Would you be interested in helping?

Bring a friend event.

- Have a specific job for volunteers. Make them feel welcome.
- Have list of things we would like to do. Seek volunteers for those activities.
- We could buttonhole people as they are leaving the book sale on Saturday. Anne A. will write an introduction to Friends with our mission.

UPDATING THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION/BYLAWS: Pam M.

We really need to work on this. Donna Z. and Barb L. volunteered to be on the committee. We have had problems with Google.docs so we need to have a secure place for all our documentation. We will work with Scott L.

A motion was made to renew our membership in New York Library Association (NYLA) by Barb L., seconded by John T. and approved. We should avail ourselves of their expertise.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Parry