

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

Date: June 7, 2023

Present:

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

Staff: Susan Morgan

Members: Kathy DeSanctis

Absent: George Bain, John Thornton and Donna Zeolla

There was no meeting in May. On May 25, Susan M. asked if we would be willing to plant flowers in the planters and buy a butterfly bush to tie in with the summer reading activity of hatching butterflies. On May 26, 2023 a motion was made by Barb L. to buy plants for the planters and a butterfly bush, seconded by Sheila G. and approved on-line unanimously.

The meeting opened at 7:00PM. Pam M. thanked all who helped with the planting, putting flags out for Memorial Day and collecting flags for WatchFire. The minutes were read on-line. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Barb L., seconded by Sheila G. and approved.

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

Attached are financials through June 1. Our current checking account balance is \$11,194.65. We have spent more money than we have taken in this year, hence the negative balance on the net account total at the end of the checking report. The current balance compares to \$5,405.71 a year ago, the principal difference being that the first used book sale of 2022 was in June. The used book sale last month grossed \$4,685.65, a record. Expenses - the cash advance, the preview party, Zettle fees and disposal of unsold books at OCRRA by the town highway department -- were \$291.88. Zettle credit card sales were \$1,104.50. The year-to-date net on the used book sale also includes the monthly online sales of used books, minus PayPal fees for each payment. We spent \$40 for plants to be placed in the planters outside the library.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Susan M.

The long-range survey is still open until the end of June. There will be a forum tomorrow at the Town Hall and another here on June 21. The presentation will include a slide show with a question-and-answer session with former OFL director Susan Rechow as moderator. We had another very clean audit from Bonadia Group, an accounting firm. There was a decrease in revenue in 2022 due to the fact that there was no COVID 19 PPP money. Interviews are in progress for Alyssia Newton's job as assistant director. Kori Gerbig's position as assistant youth services director is harder to fill because it is only part-time. We are trying to wiggle out more hours to make the position more attractive.

Susan M. has part 1 of the furniture request ready. These would be two single sided book pods for \$1153.06 each for a total of \$2206.12. The delivery fee for inside delivery (brought into the library's second floor) is \$821.00 as opposed to \$673.00 for outside delivery. After discussion about delivery fees, Susan M. will check to see how easily they can be moved. Mary Beth R. will check a few places to see if we can save a bit on delivery costs.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Kathy D.

As of June 5, the current number of members is 172, with total donations of \$9316, for an average donation of \$54.16. Since the last report we have 22 new members, one renewal, and one additional donation from someone who also gave in the fall, for a total of \$475 new dollars and an average new donation of \$19.79. Most of the Book Sale people gave only \$10, so that made for a low average donation compared to the remaining membership. Kathy DeSanctis Mary T., Sheila G., Barb L. and John T. will get together in September to start the membership drive. Elizabeth Costello is still willing to keep our membership data base. We need something at the library to keep our membership list up to date as well as enhancing our Honor Roll.

SENIOR ART EXHIBIT: Pam L.

The reception will be June 14 from 4PM-6PM. An e-mail will be sent out for bakers. Pam M. will help Donna Z. shop. Several people volunteered to set up and clean up.

NEW BROCHURE: Barb L.

We had a great meeting with Chantal Rothermel. The library gave us lots of positive feedback along with some pictures and words to describe us. We need to get some "peppy" photos. We are still looking for a printer. We will have the brochure camera ready for them. Mary Beth R. will get the membership forms from Elizabeth C. to make a spreadsheet for those who volunteer for our activities.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Pam M.

Laura Sullivan resigned as a director due to work and family commitments. We will need someone to take over responsibility for keeping our social media sights updated. Pam M. will check to see if Laura S. is interested in maintaining these pages. If not, we will send an e-mail blast to see if anyone can take over this role.

MARTHA MULROY RESOLUTION: Pam M.

George B. did an excellent job of writing a proclamation to honor Martha M. upon her retirement. She was one of the founding members of Friends of OFL and the first president. A motion was made to recognize Martha M. with the proclamation by Barb. L., seconded by Sheila G. and approved. We will check with Chantal R. to see if she can enhance it and print it on fancier paper. Kathy D. volunteered to present it to Martha M. at the next book club meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20. Our next meeting will be July 5, 2023, at 7:00PM

Respectfully submitted, Susan Parry, Secretary.