

Friends of Onondaga Free Library
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 5, 2023

PRESENT:

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

The meeting was opened at 7:00PM. The minutes from March were read on-line. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Barb L., seconded by Donna Z. and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: George B. (via email)

Attached are the current financial reports. Our checkbook balance is \$10,075.25, which compares to \$8,089.81 a year ago. Note that the used book sale has accounted for nearly as much income as memberships in the first three months of the year, \$311 vs. \$380. We've had 5 memberships this year, vs. 10 a year ago, not that there is any significance in such a small sample. Shamrocks net of \$440 compares to \$205 last year.

After review a motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report by Sue P., seconded by Mary Beth R. and approved

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Sue P.

The slate is as follows:

One year terms: President Pamela McLaughlin
Vice President: Sheila Graudons
Treasurer: George Bain
Secretary: Susan Parry
Three year terms: Directors: Barbara Leigh
Donna Zeolla

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to accept the slate was made by John T., seconded by Mary Beth R. and approved.

A motion to elect the slate as a whole was made by Barb L., seconded by Mary Beth R. and approved.

Thank you to all who continue to put their time and talents to work on the Board.

FYI: Directors term expiring in 2024: Susan Parry, Mary Beth Roach and John Thornton

Directors term expiring in 2025: George Bain, Sheila Graudons, Pamela McLaughlin, Laura Sullivan and Mary Taylor

We will try to find a way to have an equal number to terms expire each year.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Susan M.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Library was March 22. We had excellent engagement with the public throughout the year considering we were coming back from COVID. Revenue and expenses were in line as they are in the budget for the upcoming year. We have two new Trustees: Elizabeth LaRochelle, an attorney who lives in the Town of Onondaga, and John Arcaro, who has experience in raising funds. We are still in need of a Treasurer so please let Susan M. know if we hear of anyone who may be interested.

Summer programming has started. Susan M. will contact George B. for the funding for the Summer Reading Program.

We have several April events:

- April is Poetry Month with contests for poets of all ages.
- April 15 is the Refugee Fair. There are containers in the lobby for personal care items.
- April 25 is the Senior Fair. There will be representatives from organizations for seniors here to answer questions.

Susan M. has been in touch with the furniture company. We will concentrate on the lobby and upstairs first. More to come as details are finalized.

A new processing clerk, Laura Calandra, has been hired and is currently training as is our new page, Kote McLaughlin, a student at West Genesee High School. We have several strong candidates for the Circulation Supervisor position.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Kathy D. (via email)

We have one new member (Karen Mason) and 149 members for a total of \$8841, with an average donation of \$59.34 per person.

DANCE PROGRAM: Pam M.

Per Scott Lipkowitz, we will have five sessions rather than four so the cost will be \$750.00 instead of \$600.00. A motion to amend the amount given for the Dancing Through the Decades classes from \$600.00 to \$750.00 was made by Barb L., seconded by John T. and approved. The maximum participants for each session will be 14.

BROCHURE: Barb L.

Barb L. is meeting with Chantal Rothermel on April 14 to look at photos and layout plans. She hopes to have a prototype by the May 10 meeting.

SHAMROCK SALE: Mary Beth R.

This very popular event netted \$440.32. We had to go to Price Chopper twice and Wegman's once to purchase more plants to keep up with the demand.

BOOK SALE: Sue P.

- Chantal R. has printed flyers that we can start putting up next week. She has also laminated the signs for the tables to fit in the holders with less flopping. The Town will collect our discards on Monday, May 8 at 8AM. Sign up sheets are on the Friends counter.
- We will get tables from either St. Michael's or Our Lady of Hope. The senior center may not be able to give us any due to an event there. We will put out an e-mail blast begging for tables. They can be dropped off Thursday evening, April 27.
- We have not heard back from the SU students who helped us with set up in October.
- Susan M. asked that we give away the free books from 11-1 on Sunday May 7.

Pam M. has touched base with Chantal R. regarding the "Brought To You By.." poster. She will follow up on that project.

The tablecloth for events is in the Friends' cupboard.

WATCHFIRE: Mary Beth R.

Mary Beth R. will put a collection box in the lobby for unusable flags around May 15. She will collect them and take them to the Fairgrounds the Friday before Memorial Day for the Watchfire.

John T. mentioned that there is a deadline of Thursday, June 1 at 5PM, for anyone wishing to apply for scholarship money to attend the NYLA conference.

Pam L. reported that there was a ZOOM meeting of Friends group with quite a few attending. The hot topic was membership development. Other topics of discussion were information sharing, audience building and event planning. They would like to have experts in to talk on subjects pertinent to Friends groups. At this time they are thinking of having ZOOM meeting every other month.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM. Due to this room being used for the book sale, our next meeting will be held the second Wednesday in May - May 10 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Parry, Secretary