

**Friends of Onondaga Free Library**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**May 5, 2021**

**PRESENT:**

Directors: Mary Buckout, Barbara Leigh, Pamela McLaughlin, Susan Parry, Mary Beth Roach, Mary Taylor, John Thornton and Donna Zeolla Absent: George Bain

Staff: Susan Morgan

Members: Anne Andrianos and Deb Carey

Due to COVID-19 the meeting was conducted via ZOOM.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01PM. The minutes for April were read online. Barbara L. made a motion to accept them, seconded by John T. and approved.

The original winner of the tickets to FOCL's lecture by Tara Westover is unable to use them. Mary Beth R. put out an e-mail blast to all members to see who was interested and only received four replies. She will contact FOCL to see if we can have four tickets. If not we will chose two randomly.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mary Beth R.

George B. sent his report online. We have a balance of \$4436.59 as opposed to \$6149.06 last year at this time. Susan P. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mary B. and approved.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Susan M.

- The stats from April look good. People are thrilled to be able to use the library without making an appointment. There is lots more traffic.
- There is a modest increase for the library on each (Onondaga Central, West Genesee and Westhill) school budget. We have not had an increase on the ballot since 2016. There will be a library representative at each school board meeting to answer any questions.
- We hope to be able to open meeting rooms this summer.
- December 3 will mark the 60th anniversary of the Library. We would like to honor this occasion with something special - maybe the photo booth that we were going to have for the 10th anniversary of the new building. Susan M. will work with the town historian, Natalie Williams-Dardaris on gathering historical information. Anne A. mentioned that Friends will be 35 in 2022.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Mary Beth R.

We had one new member join in April, 2021. That makes us a total of 145 members who have contributed \$8,404.72 to this 2021 membership drive. That is an average donation of \$57.97 per donation. We will start the 2022 membership drive in Sept.

**OTHER FRIENDS GROUP UPDATE:** ANNE A.

- Lots of groups have permanent, monthly or bi-monthly book sales.
- Monroe County has a connectivity of Friends Groups. The groups meet with ideas and support for each other. Pam M. will check with Marc Wildman to see if we can do something along this line in Onondaga County. This would help us stand together to lobby for libraries and brainstorm with other groups. NYLA is doing some workshops on networking via ZOOM beginning next Wednesday from 10:30-11:45.

- Donna Z. was interested in Brighton Library's Books Sandwiched In program. These are lunchtime presentations where everyone brings a bag lunch and listens to a speaker talk about a book. These are taped and available for others to enjoy. A few questions were raised as to compensation for the speaker and copyright issues. Anne A. will contact the Brighton Library for more details.
- Deb C. mentioned that we could begin to think about having a golf tournament as a fund raiser in 2022 to celebrate 35 years of Friends. She would be willing to work on this.

**BOOK SALE:** Susan P.

I met with Susan M. and we will use the south side of the parking lot for the tables. They can set up cones and tape for social distancing and will have masks and hand sanitizer available. We will need more tables and Mary Beth will send out an e-mail blast later this month. Members are volunteering. Susan M. will check to see if we can use Dr. Swartwood's parking lot as overflow parking.

**FOOD TRUCK EVENT:** Susan M.

We are trying to find a suitable date. Most weekends are already booked. they are still looking at how it could be socially distanced. More to follow as decisions are made.

**LIBRARY PLANTERS:** Mary Beth R.

We would like some volunteers to plant the planters that are now in the garden. Deb C., Barb L. and Donna Z. volunteered. After looking at the planters they will decide on plants and contact Delaney's or Silver Spring Farm for plants and soil. A tag will be used to mention the Friends and the store where we get the plants. Barb L. made a motion to spend not more than \$75.00 on plants and soil, seconded by Donna Z. and approved.

**LITTLE LIBRARY:** Mary Beth R.

Signage Systems is will it produce and install a plaque for free as long as "Donated by Signage Systems" can be added to the lower right hand corner. Deb C., Barb L. and Mary T. volunteered to change the books out every few weeks. Our request for books from Read in Color cannot be honored at this time.

**EXPENDITURE PROTOCOLS:** Mary Beth R.

Susan P. made a motion that any expenditures over \$100.00, excluding office supplies, be approved by the Board of Directors and that any expenditures over \$2500.00 have two signatures, seconded by Donna Z. and approved. George B. and Susan P. are current signers on the checking account.

Mary Beth R. will check on prices to get envelopes preprinted with our return address for the membership drive.

Our next meeting will be on June 2 at 7:00PM. Perhaps we can meet in the garden! The meeting was adjourned at 7:56PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Parry, Secretary