

Friends of Onondaga Free Library
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 6, 2022

PRESENT:

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

Staff: Susan Morgan

Members: Kathy DeSanctis(ZOOM), Sheila Graundons (ZOOM) and Laura Maynard

The meeting was opened at 7:00PM. The minutes for March were read online. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Barb L., seconded by John T. and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Beth R. and George B. via e-mail

We have a balance of \$8054.60. Shamrock expenses and profit are included as is the cost of the software George B. uses to keep our books. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Sue P., seconded by Barb L. and approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Susan M.

- We welcomed our new circulation director, Brandan Carroll, on March 28.
- Highlights of the Board of Trustees Annual Meeting:
 - Approval of the State Report
 - Updated the Challenge Report
 - Approved a new privacy policy
 - We need a consultant to help with our long range planning
- We were still very busy in March with over 5000 people coming through our doors. We are very happy to have in person programming although we still have some safety measures in place.
- The Digital Literacy Volunteers Program will probably not take place. The grant had to be used by the end of June and we haven't heard anything.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Kathy DeSanctis via e-mail

- One new member this month. We have 146 members for a total of \$8145.00. The average gift is \$55.79.
- Committee needs to plan June 9 book sale preview party punch and cookies reception.

SHAMROCK SALE: Mary Beth R.

We raised \$205.80 from this very popular sale. We had to get more plants once again this year. We collected two bins of books to use at our laundromat library.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY AT LAUNDROMAT: Mary Beth R.

It had been installed and is very popular. Mary Beth R. is checking on it regularly.

Mary Beth R. will recap the NYLA "Fishing for Friends" seminar at our next meeting. We are already using some of the techniques mentioned.

GEOLOGY DAY: Mary Beth R.

- So far there have not been a lot of sign ups but that is not unusual for programming lately. With school break next week registration will probably pick up.
- Volunteer list were sent around to post flyers and help with the sessions.
- The soapstone carving will be July 16.

BOOK SALE: Susan P.

- Sign up sheets will go up early in May as will flyers. We will also try to recruit volunteers through social media. Letters will be sent to local schools to alert students who may need volunteers hours.
- We will also let the schools know that teachers are welcome to come at the end of the sale on Saturday to pick up free books.
- The play room will be available on Thursday for media and pristine books to be set up.
- Kathy D. and members of her membership committee will plan a punch and cookies reception for members only from 5:30-7 on Thursday June 9. We will open the doors at 7PM to books sellers and the general public for a \$10.00 donation.
- We will begin accepting books Friday June 3 through Wednesday June 8 during library hours. We must be more diligent in what we accept. The sale will be Friday June 10 from 10AM-4:40PM and Saturday June 11 from 10AM-3PM with the bag sale beginning at noon. Non profits and teachers may come at 3 for free items. The town has been contacted and will take our leftovers the week of June 13.

Last month we voted to underwrite a speaker for the Strathmore Series. Several ideas were presented. A motion was made to underwrite the lecture by Dennis Connors and buy his book to donate to the library by Sue P., seconded by John T. and approved.

PLAY GROUP: Laura M.

Due to some staffing changes there will not be a play group this summer. Laura M. would like to keep the group going with the help of Friends. There will not be a formal program but rather we would pull out toys to for the toddlers to play with. It will be more of a social gathering and we can distribute books along with information on the Friends. It would be once a week from July 11 - August 19 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. A motion was made to start and facilitate a play group for the summer of 2022 by Pam M., seconded by Donna Z. and approved.

ELECTIONS: Sue P.

Slate of Officers:

Pamela McLaughlin - President 2 year term ending April 2024

George Bain - Treasurer 1 year term ending April 2023

Susan Parry - Secretary 1 year term ending April 2023

Slate of Directors :3 year term ending April 2025

George Bain, Sheila Graundons, Laura Maynard, Pamela McLaughlin and Mary Taylor

- There were no nominations from the floor.
- A motion was made to accept the slate as announced by John T., seconded by Barb L. and approved. Thank you to Sheila and Laura for stepping up - we really look forward to your talent and ideas. And of course thanks to George, Pam and Mary for your hard work and we are grateful to have you continue. A huge thank you to Mary Beth for all she has done during this trying COVID time. She had some very innovative ideas and kept us moving forward. We are excited to have Pam as our new President and look forward to her ideas and leadership.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38. Our next meeting will be May 4 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Parry