

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

**PRESENT:**

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

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

After the meeting last month it was brought to our attention that the price of the hanging rack for the make and take kits had increased to \$923.27 from \$757.00. An online motion was made by Barb. L. to amend the previously approved amount of \$757.00 to \$923.27 for the hanging rack, seconded by John T. and approved unanimously.

The meeting was opened at 7:00PM. The minutes from January were read online. A motion to approve the minutes from January was made by Donna Z, seconded by Barb L. and approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mary Beth R. and George B. via online

George B. sent the Treasurer's Report online. Our current balance in the checking account is \$7,767.23. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Pam M., seconded by Sue P and approved.

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

- Since COVID numbers are dropping, we have resumed in-person Story Time.
- Circulation numbers are holding steady and programming is going well.
- The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees is March 23, 2022, at 6:00PM. It is opened to the public and Friends are invited to attend. We hope this will be an in person meeting after two years of virtual meetings.
- We need to keep an eye on the weather for the make and take assembly scheduled for tomorrow.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Kathy D.

We have 143 donors, 6 new this month, for a total of \$8,035.00 with the average donation being \$56.19. Last year we had 147 donors for a total of \$8,500.00.

**BOOK SALE:** Susan P.

- We will be working with Nate DeVita to help us sell some books on Amazon. Nate D. will provide us with a scanner and train us. He will pick up the books, sell them and dispose of those that do not sell. We will make 50% of his profit after shipping costs.
- Laura M. will check out the possibility of buying a square for card use at the sale. Scott, the technology librarian, will train us how to use it.
- Kathy D. and Pam M. will chair the committee to look into a Wine and Cheese Reception for Friends only on Thursday, June 9. Susan will check with our insurance carrier. Possibly we could have the reception from 5:30-7:30 with wine from 6:00-7:00. We will discuss charging a fee for non-Friends after 7:00PM.

**WISHING WELL UPDATE:** Donna Z.

- There were no new wishes. Susan M. said that many of the wishes, especially titles and genre requests, are being purchased by the library. They are looking into a membership to the MOST to be used in the same

manner as the State Park Passes. A membership to the Everson was also suggested. They are considering a gaming station for use downstairs.

- Donna Z. suggested that we list the wishes that came true in the quarterly newsletter so that patrons see that we do consider their wishes.
- Susan M. asked that we consider funding more streaming services for the Library of Things. She will ask the staff for their input as to what streaming services are most requested and get back to us.
- She also suggested supporting an intern for 6 Or 8 weeks during the summer. The intern would work with children or teens for 10 hours a week at \$15.00 per hour. After much discussion it was felt that Friends should not pay for an employee due to insurance and tax liabilities. Perhaps Susan can find another project for us to free us money so the library can pay the intern. She will look into this scenario.

**WINTER MAKE AND TAKE:** Mary Beth R.

We will see what the weather holds tomorrow. Kits will be given out starting February 22 on a first come first served basis.

**LITTLE LIBRARY AT THE LAUNDROMAT:** Mary Beth R.

Mary Beth R. met with Tim O'Connell of Colonial Laundromats at the Nedrow location on Monday. Tim O. is excited to be working with us. There is not too much room but we could get a three shelf unit with the top two for books and the bottom for oversized books and magazines. Tim O's. staff would attach the bookshelf to the wall. We would add a plaque stating this is made possible by Friends and Colonial Laundromats. Perhaps we could have a drive for gently used childrens' books during our Shamrock Sale. Other suggestions for childrens' books were Imagination Library, Help Me Grow, Onondaga and purchase books from the Book Nook in Marcellus. A motion to send not more than \$200.00 for a book shelf was made by Barb L., seconded by Pam M. and approved.

**GEOLOGY DAY:** Anne A. and Mary Beth R.

- The Rock Doc is very excited to be coming back. The morning program for kids is planned. Since we can only have 30 people in the Community Room for a session, he is willing to open up a second session if needed. He has four topics that he would like to discuss during the afternoon session for adults. After discussion it was decided that four topics would be a bit rushed in an hour. If he is willing to expand the talk to an hour and a half he could touch on all four. If he needs to keep it to an hour then perhaps he could choose his favorite three.
- The Rock Doc also suggested a field trip in May to a fossil field about an hour away. We felt that this was too far away for us to sponsor. Perhaps he has a suggestion for something nearby. He would also like to conduct a soapstone carving seen in June. Perhaps we could use Santaro Park for that activity.

The drawing for the Winter Blues Basket will be February 19.

**FACEBOOK/SOCIAL MEDIA:** Laura M.

Laura M. gave us a brief view of Instagram. We would need to decide how frequently we want to post, what content do we want to post and need to be different from the Library's Instagram post. Perhaps we could post twice a week featuring projects we are sponsoring, contributions we've made or upcoming events. We need to come up with a name - Friends of Onondaga Free Lib would be fine. She is happy to take the lead on this for us. Go for it Laura!

**SHAMROCK SALE:** Mary Beth R.

Although this does not make much money, it is something that patrons look forward to. It would be Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5. We could also collect gently used books at that time. A motion was made to spend not more than \$300.00 on plants by Sue P., seconded by Donna Z. and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23. Our next meeting will be March 2 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Parry