

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

PRESENT:

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

The meeting was opened at 7:01. A thank you card from Maggie Gall-Maynard was passed around. The minutes from June were read online. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Barb L., seconded by Mary Beth R. and accepted.

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

- We currently have \$8,668.77 in our checking account.
- The used book sale netted \$3,548.24, a record for one sale. Zettle purchases totaled \$704.50 and fees were \$19.11, 2.7%. OCRRA charged the town \$117.70 to dispose of 2.14 tons of books and that's what the town charged us. A year ago, 1-800-GOT-JUNK charged us \$419.00, but that invoice didn't show the weight of the books, nor did it have attached OCRRA receipt. The highway superintendent said the OCRRA charges different rates of disposal and the attendant this year may have charged us a low rate. It was \$55.00 a ton.
- There was a \$27.00 charge from our insurance company for the soapstone carving event since it is going to be held off library premises. Mary Beth R. has several e-mails assuring us that there would be no additional fees. She is working to get this fee refunded. George B. has already paid the invoice so we are hoping they will just deduct it from our next bill.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Kathy DeSanctis via e-mail

- We have 168 members with contributions totaling \$8,620.00 with the average donation is \$51.31. All 18 new members are from the book sale. The book sale contributions totaled \$300, but 17 people gave just \$10, which pulled down our overall average donation just a bit from last month.
- Only 10 old members came to the preview party.
- The membership committee will meet in August. Kathy D. got a list of businesses in the Town from the Historical Society. Mary Beth R. will draft a letter to the businesses asking for support. We need to establish levels of giving for them. Susan M. will give us a list to vendors that the library uses. Kathy D. will work with Deb Carey on the wording of the appeals letters to businesses and private citizens.
- We will need new brochures next year so we will have to work on names for our levels of giving.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Susan M.

- Please check out the caterpillar in the children's room that was installed for the story time to go kits.
- Summer programming begins July 11. Baby and Caregiver starts Monday. Thanks for supporting our summer reading programs.
- It has been very busy since school let out. Over 5,200 people walked through the door in June and our circulation numbers were over 16,000 items.
- We are in the final stages of hiring a new youth services librarian. The final candidates will host a story time next week. We have hired a new page, Emily Jones.
- Susan M. is polling the staff for a fall wish list.

BOOK SALES: Susan P.

- We decided that we would get a check monthly from Nate Devita, our book seller partner.

- Barb L. made a suggestion to collect books one less day and sell them one more day. Collection would end at noon on Wednesday and the preview sale could be held Wednesday evening. We would be open on Thursday and Friday with the bag sale all day on Saturday. We are going to try that at the next sale.
- Susan M. suggested Friends' Week, October 14-22 for our fall sale.

ARTIST RECEPTION:

Donna Z. did a great job. The artists loved it, the food was terrific. Lots of bakers really stepped up. Thank you!

SOAPSTONE CARVING: Mary Beth R.

We have 53 people currently signed up with a waiting list of 19. She will need help at 9 for set up. The event runs from 10:30-12:30.

MEMORY CARE KITS:

This idea comes from Kathy D. It is something that the library where her daughter lives does. The kit is for people with dementia and their caregivers. We can put a variety of activities in each kit such as puzzles, postcard games, etc. Susan M. will speak with Dewitt library as they have these kits. We can assemble them ourselves or purchase them. Mary Beth R. reminded us that people from the Senior Center may be willing to help us assemble them since they are always looking for volunteer activities.

CALENDAR: Pam M.

- Please send ideas for the fall calendar to Pam M. as soon as possible. She would like to look beyond fall for winter and spring ideas. Are we happy with what we do or are we looking for more ideas? We need to get Friends' out there without doing something that is very labor intensive.
- A focus group could work on what we expect from our members and what do they want from us. What do they currently get for their donations? We can revisit this in August.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02PM. Our next meeting will be August 3 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Parry