

Friends of Onondaga Free Library
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
July 7, 2021

PRESENT:

Directors: Barbara Leigh, Pamela McLaughlin, Susan Parry, Mary Beth Roach, Mary Taylor and John Thornton

Absent: George Bain, Mary Buckout and Donna Zeolla

Library Staff: Susan Morgan

Members: Anne Andrianos, Deb Carey and Kathy DeSanctis

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. Mary Beth R. thanked all of us who worked so hard for the book sale. She also passed around a thank you note from Diane Berman, one of the winners of the tickets to the Tara Westover lecture. The minutes were read on-line. Barb L. made a motion to accept them, seconded by John T. and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: e-mailed from George B.

- The net from the book sale was \$3043.85 bringing our balance in the checking account to \$7581.02. John T. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Barb L. and approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Susan M.

- Thanks to all who stepped up to fill in the parks slots. All are filled but feel free to stop by and lend a hand. There was lots of work getting the tent set up at Santaro but from now on we can use the pavilion. Kathy D. did a wonderful job interacting with the children, parents and grandparents and talking about Friends while passing out brochures. All the books that she took for the give away are gone.
- Summer is in full swing. Stats for June will be available at the next meeting. The ice cream social for staff, trustees and Friends' board will be August 14, from 2:00-3:30. Please RSVP by July 26. If you bring a guest it is \$4.00 for your guest.

MEMBERSHIP: Kathy D.

- We will meet in room 222 on August 26 from 9:30-2:30 to stuff envelopes. It costs \$.0747 to mail our appeals via bulk mail. Last year we sent out 380 and only got 150 back. After this year we will weed out those who have not donated in more than 3 years. We could use more names and valid addresses. We need to offer some perks for becoming a member.
- We will need a new Database Manager. Mark DeSanctis will finish out this campaign and teach some one how to do it.

BOOK SALE: Sue P.

- Many thanks to all who tirelessly sorted books and hauled them out and in on Saturday and helped haul some of them away on Monday. We will contact the Town to haul the leftovers away next sale.
- Our next sale will be more traditional. We will begin collecting books on Saturday, September 18th and continue on the 20th, 21st and 22nd. Books will be accepted in the Community Room only with a Friend taking the donation. The library staff will not handle donations for this sale. Thursday the 23rd will be a day to finish sorting and refine the tables. The sale will be Friday the 24th through Sunday the 26th with the Town taking leftovers on Monday the 27th.
- There was discussion about using a square. We will check this out with PayPal and have Scott help use learn to use it if it is feasible.

BOOKS SANDWICHED IN: Anne A.

- Anne A. sent us highlights from the Brighton Memorial Library's program. They have a core group that chooses the book and the presenter. This group reads about 20 books and narrows it down for the year to 5 fiction and

5 non-fiction books. They never present a book from a local author. It was noted that there are seldom male attendees or presenters. It is a lot of work to get the program upland running. It was suggested that we put this in the newsletter to see if there is any interest. It would be nice to have Friends do something other than fundraise! We will table this until later and see if there is any interest.

IDEAS FOR FALL AND EARLY WINTER: Mary Beth R.

- VETERANS BENEFIT TALK: This would be an information fair for veterans in the Community Room. We would contact various groups to set up booths and talk with the veterans. This would be done around Veterans Day but would not conflict with the larger fair held at the fairgrounds. Mary Beth R. will see if she can line up some groups to have booths.
- CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT FOR THE MILITARY: We would put a box on our corner and collect cards from patrons. We would send these to one of the many organizations that will get them to our overseas military in time for the holiday.
- FESTIVAL OF TREES: Mary T.
 - We are unable to get wreathes at this time but will continue to try.
- Anne A. said that this year is the 20th anniversary of 9-11. Deb C. suggested that we have special paper available for patrons to write (in 100 words or less) where they were, their reaction, how it changed their life. We could place these around the library. We would have a box at the Friends' Corner to collect the response. The youth of today was not around for this and could learn from the first hand accounts. Deb C. will be happy to chair this. We could also have minutes of silence at the flagpole from the time the first plane hit until the second plane hit followed by Taps. Mary Beth R. will coordinate this. We all thought this were terrific ideas.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04. Our next meeting will be August 4 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Parry, Secretary