

**Friends of Onondaga Free Library**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**March 3, 2021**

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

**PRESENT:**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. The minutes were read on-line. Pam M. made a motion to accept them, seconded by John T. and approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mary Beth R.

- The winner of the February gift basket was a new member, David Richardson. We need to follow up with FOCL to find out if the lecture by Tara Westover will be live or visual and let David know.
- March 6 is Susan M.'s 15th anniversary with OFL. Susan mentioned that Chantal Rothermel will be celebrating 20 years with us soon.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** George Bain via e-mail

- Here are the Friends financial statements through today. Our current checking account balance is \$4,046.51. This compares to \$5,524.10 as of 2/28/20. The difference between the two years is that 2020 began with a balance of \$16,634, 2021 with balance of \$10,342.
- I have received a check for \$60 from Network for Good, a fundraising website, that has not been deposited, so doesn't yet show on these reports. The records indicate 4 gifts (anonymous) were made to the Friends Jan 24-26 through Facebook. I'm curious if anyone knows who organized this effort. Since the gifts are anonymous in Network for Good's records, there's no way to thank these individuals.
- Perhaps we need to register with Network for Good to find out who the donors were. Mary Beth R. will put a thank you in the newsletter in hope the donors see it.

**DIRECTORS REPORT:** Susan M.

- We are still finalizing the circulation numbers for February but it is sure to have picked up with the return of in person visitation.
- We are welcome to the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees on March 24 at 6:00PM. This meeting is open to the public. We will approve our slate of officers and welcome our new trustees. Susan M. will send out the ZOOM credentials.
- Mary Beth R. asked if Amy Kremenek was rotating off and she is. She has expressed interest in Friends so Mary Beth will contact her.
- There are some pristine books coming into the library so Susan M. will save them for our book sale.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** Kathy D.

- Looking forward to "seeing" you all next Wed. for our March meeting. The membership donations have slowed to a trickle. All thank you notes have been sent.
- We have 142 members who donated a total of \$8,220.72. That's an average donation of \$57.88.
- As a comparison for total amount collected in past two years:  
2020= \$7,443  
2019= \$8,008

- Thanks again to John, Mary, and Deb for help with the mailings. Thanks also to Mary Beth for helping to update the brochure. Thanks to Chantal for all her help printing our letters.

**COOKBOOKS:** Barbara L.

- We have 40 left, which is about where we thought we would be.

**BOOK SALE:** Sue P.

- We decided on June 5 with a rain date of June 12. We will sell books at the regular price from 10-2 with the bag sale from 2-close. Patrons can buy a Wegman's bag for \$5.00 or our bag for \$10.00.
- We will also have a table with bags and cookbooks for sale.

**FUNDRAISING IDEAS:** Mary Beth R.

- Mary Beth priced out geraniums from Delaney Farms at \$3.25 a piece. After discussion, it was decided to stick to books, cookbooks and bags and not muddy the water with too many items.
- We can still pursue gift baskets for pre-order for special occasions later in the year.
- The fund raising committee thought that we could bring in a food truck on the day of the book sale. Susan M. thought this would present a problem with space and parking. Due to parking issues, we can park at the Senior Center and walk over to allow for patron parking.
- Memorial and honorarium book plates were discussed briefly. We will table this until an in-person meeting is possible. This is a pretty common practice in libraries but we need to do some research on the plates.
- John T. has several items that he is willing to donate for a raffle.
- Pam M. has two good-sized easels she is willing to donate for our use and that of the library. She will bring them by the library for Susan M. to see.
- We discussed fundraising and expenditure protocols. We will table this until the April meeting.
  
- Mary Beth R. has the Little Library in her dining room and is eager to install it at Green Hills. Susan M. suggested we wait until the weather breaks so we will shoot for May. The library has books to place in it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM. Our next meeting will be April 7, 2021, at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Parry, Secretary