

Friends of Onondaga Free Library
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 4, 2018

PRESENT:

Directors: Anne Andrianos, Susan Parry, Mary Beth Roach, CJ Sturtevant, John Thornton and Donna Zeolla Absent: George Bain, Mary Girolamo and Jeanette Nels
Members: Dan Andrianos and Linda Lippert
Library Staff: Maggie Gall and Susan Morgan

Anne A. opened the Annual Meeting at 6:34PM followed by introductions. She gave a snapshot of the accomplishments of the Friends in 2017 and thanked us for our participation and hard work.

ELECTIONS: Donna Z. made a motion to nominate Mary Beth R., CJ S. and John T. to three-year terms ending in April 2021. Seconded by Susan P. and approved. They were voted in unanimously. Mary Beth R. motioned to accept the officer slate of Anne A. - President, Jeanette N. - Vice President, George B. - Treasurer and Susan P. - Secretary. Donna Z. seconded this and approved. Anne A. mentioned that the directors who could not be present contacted her and voted to approve the nominations of the new Board members and the slate of officers.

The Annual Meeting came to a close at 6:54PM at which time we moved to our regular business meeting. The minutes from March were read. Donna Z. motioned to accept them, seconded by Linda L and approved.

The Library of Things was discussed online among the Board members. A motion was made to gift the library \$2500.00 as the initial investment in the project. This was unanimously approved via an online vote.

George B. sent out the Treasurer's Report and after review, John T. motioned to accept it, seconded by Susan P. and approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Susan M.

Susan M. thanked us for a terrific year. She is very happy to see us at full board strength. The Board of Trustees of the Library is also a full strength so she is looking forward to a productive year for both groups.

The staff is beginning to get the Library of Things up and running. There will be labels on the cases noting that this was a donation from the Friends.

Susan M. is working on a \$2000.00 grant for the Great American Read. If we obtain the grant, we would be working with our local Public Broadcasting Station for fall programming.

Rochelle Bilow is willing to do three cooking classes with 15 participants each. Her cost would be \$500.00 plus ingredients for each session. She would focus on seasonal ingredients in the presentation. Would she allow us to film the session and put it on social media? Could she do a demonstration rather than group participation so that more people could benefit? Could we have the ingredients donated? Can she give us a discount? Is there a larger kitchen somewhere that we could use? Susan M. will contact her with these questions. Right now the Board feels this is a huge outlay of funds for a program that will not reach many patrons.

The county library system is exploring a countywide museum pass. Empire Pass, admittance to NYS parks, is \$260.00 for four passes. This would have a three-day circulation and the patron must be 21 years old to check it out. We could have the patron take pictures and post on our website "Follow That Pass!" CJ S. motioned that we purchase four passes, seconded by Donna Z. and approved.

2080 people visited the library during VanGogh Week. A big thank you to Maggie G. for all her hard work to make it a success.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing new with PayPal.

We have had a good response to the second request letter. We discussed changing the member contribution levels but that would mean changing our by-laws. We will get a committee together to look into this before the next mailing goes out for 2019.

The Shamrock Sale was a success with all plants sold and a profit of \$158.65.

NEW BUSINESS:

Anne A. would like to go paperless. We could bring in our laptop or print the documents on our own printer. We could also project them on the wall if that would work best.

Geology Day - April 21. Children's session in the morning (10:30 to noon) will help the children identify different rocks. Each child will receive three rocks. The adult session will run from 2:00 to 3:30 with discussion of eleven different topics. Both sessions will end with Rocky Road Ice Cream.

Book Sale - Sign up sheets are in the lobby, signs are here. Fairmount Library is having a sale the week before ours and will give us left over books.

Raffle - We will raffle a Maria Semple book and two tickets to her lecture on May 29. The raffle tickets are free and are a give back to the community from Friends. The winner will be drawn at the Book Club meeting on May 23.

Opioid Presentation - May 16 Mary Beth R. will get flyers and posters distributed.

Senior Art Show Reception - June 7 fro 4PM to 6PM Donna Z. will coordinate the reception.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM. The next meeting will be May 2 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Parry, Secretary