

Friends of Onondaga Free Library  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
March 7, 2018

PRESENT:

Directors: Mary Minafari-Girolamo, Sue Parry and Donna Zeolla Absent: Anne Andrianos, George Bain and Jeanette Nels  
Members: Linda Lippert, Mary Beth Roach, CJ Sturtevant and John Thornton  
Library Staff: Susan Morgan and Chantal Sparkes

The meeting was opened at 6:30 by Sue Parry. The minutes from February were read. Mary M. made a motion to accept, seconded by Donna Z. and approved. The balance in our checking account is \$7422.02. Sue P. motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Mary M. and approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Susan M.

Chantal S. will be in later to do a Power Point presentation on the Library of Things. This has been a joint project with Alyssa, Al and Chantal.

The Great American Read is on May 22 at 8:00PM on PBS. The library will do something in conjunction with this program.

Al has suggested using Flash Fiction in conjunction with the Senior Art Show. This is a writing prompt to use with a photograph or painting. A short essay (250 words) can be written at [indiesunlimited.com](http://indiesunlimited.com).

Rochelle Bilow is in the process of moving back to the Syracuse area. Susan M. would like to schedule a series of three cooking sessions with her in the early summer.

We are welcome to attend the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of Onondaga Free Library on Wednesday, March 28, at 6:00PM. New Board members will be elected at the meeting which will follow a presentation of accomplishments of the library in the past year.

The puzzle table is going well. It took about a month to complete the puzzle that was there.

OLD BUSINESS:

We are still waiting on a quote for the bench/chairs for the lobby.

Shamrock Sale: Mary Beth R

Even though we had a snow day on Friday we only have two purple tulips left. Our profit will be about \$150.00. She enjoyed chairing the event and thinks we should do it again next year. There were several people who purposely came to the library for the plants. The purple shamrocks were a big hit. We need more of them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations for directors: We are very pleased that Mary Beth R., CJ S. and John T. have consented to become board members. Elections will take place in April.

Donna Z. will highlight the raffle for the tickets to the lecture and book by Maria Semple.

The design for the book sale signs was passed around. It was decided it was too dark. Sue P. will work with PostNet for a different design. We will need to get postcards out for early April.

Susan M. will contact the Senior Center for a date during the first week of June for the Art Show reception.

LIBRARY OF THINGS: Chantal S.

Chantal showed a Power Point presentation on the Library of Things. This would be a collection of non-traditional items to be loaned out by the library. Other libraries in the county do this. OFL would like to focus on technology, keeping patrons and staff up to date with digital resources and emerging technology. They would like to offer a digital petting zoo which would allow patrons to try an item before purchasing it. Some of the items will remain in the library while others can be checked out.

Other libraries have had great success with non-traditional collections. There would be a user agreement in place with each item and the patron would be responsible for returning it undamaged and in working condition. Each item would have user instructions with it. Al would "clean" the item after each use. Items would probably be on loan for one week. The county would handle collections for any item over \$50.00.

The library is asking for \$2500.00 to cover two sets of items (one for library use and the other to lend) and carrying cases. They would like to purchase, prep for circulation and train staff in the spring. Summer would bring the start of circulation and the petting zoo with the fall to be used for assessment. Long range plans include expanding and updating the collection. The financial support for the growth and sustainability of this project would be included in the budget for OFL in the upcoming years.

Because there are only three Board members present we would like to present this to Anne A., George B. and Jeanette N. via e-mail. We will take a vote online and get back to the library by March 15.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45. The next meeting will be April 4 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Parry