

Friends of Onondaga Free Library
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 2, 2019

PRESENT:

Directors: Anne Andrianos, Mary Minafri-Girolamo, Susan Parry, Mary Beth Roach, CJ Sturtevant and John Thornton

Absent: George Bain, Jeanette Nels and Donna Zeolla

OFL Staff: Susan Morgan

Members: Deb Carey, Barbara Leigh and Mary Taylor

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 by Anne A. She reminded us that all events for Winter Quarter publication must be in by January 14. There will be a Webinar on February 12 from 2-3 presented by NYLA on New Leadership Model, place will be determined. The minutes from December were read on-line. Mary G. made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by John T. and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Anne A.

The balance in our checking account is \$6,841.10. The Festival of Trees netted \$1,512.17 and the membership drive brought in around \$4,400.00. Deb C. made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Mary G. and approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Susan Morgan

- Irish dancers from Irish Drumcliffe Arts will perform on Saturday, March 9 in the morning.
- The chocolate event will be on Sunday February 10. Cooks are needed.
- Highlights of the Board of Trustees Meeting:
- The budget for 2019 was passed. The Board of Trustees will decide in January on the school referendum ballots of Onondaga Central, West Genesee and Westhill. We will reach out to Bob Antonacci, state representative, to let him know about our library, the support we received from John DeFrancisco and the hope that this support will continue.
- There was a minor correction to the Memo of Understanding concerning Friends operational expenses. We will still control decisions pertaining to our operational expenses.
- The Board did not create an alcohol policy for OFL. Any library event at which alcohol will be served will be reviewed. We can proceed with plans for Wine and Jazz event.
- The Book Club format has changed to a Reading and Discussion Series. It will be quarterly with times to be determined. It is hoped that we can Skype with the author of the selection.
- A request was made for \$560.00 for eight New York State Park Passes. After discussion a motion was made by Mary G. to buy two new passes and renew the eight passes that we have for a total of \$720.00, seconded by Susan P. and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Membership Campaign: Anne A.
We need 200 pieces of mail to qualify for bulk rate postage so we need to have a few more names for our reminder mailing. We will check with Susan M. to see if we can send appeals to vendors and those who booked the conference rooms last year. It was asked if the rise in giving levels effected the campaign. We will look into that.
- Festival of Trees: Mary G.
Mary was very pleased with the amount that was raised from this event. She will chair it again next year and begin buying trees. There was discussion about posting tree donor's names on social media. We will ask each person next year if that is acceptable to the donor.
- Quilt and Book Raffle: Anne A.
A motion was made to purchase Kingdom of the Blind by Louise Penny for the raffle for the tickets to the Rosamond Gifford Lecture Series by Mary Beth R., seconded by Mary G. and approved. Anne A. will check with Vel Gregory on the status of the quilt for Black History Month.

WINTER QUARTER EVENTS:

- Shamrock Sale: Mary Beth R.
We will do this March 9 and 10. Mary Beth will get plants and cut flowers from Price Chopper.
- Geology Day: Anne A.
The speaker will have two sessions on Fossils in New York State on April 13.
- Book Sale: Susan P.
We will begin collecting books on April 22, after spring break for the school. Susan P. will get a schedule of what needs to be done to those who are interested in co-chairing.
- Logo Contest and Book Bags: Deb C.
Deb C. created an application and rules for the contest which look good. We want the logo to be upbeat and present a new image for Friends. We will ask Susan M. for a few buzz words. A better quality bag should be offered and Deb C. will continue to check this out.
- Jazz Event: Mary Beth R.
It was suggested that we host the event on a Sunday in August for two hours before the State Fair starts (no later than August 15). She will check with Diamond Catering (food and alcohol) and Ronnie Leigh (musician). A budget will need to be developed.
- Media: Mary Beth R.
Mary Beth R. will check with OCC to see if there are any students willing to help Friends with setting up and staying on top of social media.
- New Calendar: Anne A.
In the past we have had July and August off. Since we have events planned would it make more sense to have January and February off? CJ S. thought that since meetings are only once a month for an hour and a half that we should meet all year. We definitely need to find ways to get more people involved

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26. Our next meeting will be February 6, 2019 at 6:30 .

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Parry, Secretary

On January 4, 2019, Jeanette N. made an on-line motion to get Val Gregory (quilter) a \$50.00 gift card to Calico Gals as a thank you for the Black History Month quilt, seconded by CJ S. and approved.