

Friends of the Library  
Ogdensburg Public Library  
August 12, 2020

Present: Penny K., Thomas R., Cheryl L., Cindy L., Ed L., Tom L., Kathy L., Karen W., Lin G.

Meeting called to order at 4:06 pm.

**July minutes:** Cheryl moved, Tom seconded and motion carried.

**President's Notes:**

Cindy thanked Tom and Kathy for their work moving the reference section and all others who helped move books from the Mahoney Room and for alphabetizing book sale books.

An up to date list including people's volunteer choices will be sent to Cindy.

The book convention is on pause for now, awaiting COVID information.

Cindy is writing to Lowe's to request pegboard on which to display the cake pan library.

A new permanent bookstore will be established in the old Mahoney Room. Ed was asked to put something in the next newsletter regarding the Mahoney Collection.

Suggestions for future ideas shared:

- Sip & Share book club online

- Library Hiking Club

- Cookie Exchange close to Christmas time

- Spring pie baking contest in conjunction with a quilt/flower show

A Cri-Cut machine will be available for sign making. Cindy has one and is learning to use it.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Balance in checking as of July 31, 2020 - \$4518.08

Balance in savings - \$24,875.15

Total expenditures for July - \$25.00

Total income for July - \$212.15

\$5,000 transfer from checking to savings in July

Cheryl moved and Karen seconded acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

**Membership:** One new membership in July – \$25.00. Total of 125 members and \$12,181.99 in donations.

**Correspondence:** Tom read a thank you for an Amazon gift card from Janice.

## **Old Business:**

Quilt/Flower Show, City Council presentations, Mini-Golf all still on hold.

Spring Clean-up, Children's Virtual Book Sale, Mahoney Collection move, Yard Sale, Reference Section move all accomplished.

Alphabetizing fiction for bookstore in process.

Friends will host a farewell party for all employees who have left the library in the last month. It will be an ice cream social at 4:00 pm in Library Park on August 31 (Monday). A rain date will be September 4 same time and place. All Friends will be invited to say good-bye to Pat, Janice, Linda, Jo Ellen, and Stephanie. RSVP will be requested. Vanilla ice cream, toppings, water, lemonade and cookies will be served. Stewart's will be asked for a donation. Cindy and Cheryl will follow up and plan this event.

## **New Business:**

Bookstore – volunteer manager needed to schedule workers. Tax certificate will be posted in bookstore.

A sign stating no cash kept in the library will be posted in the bookstore.

Maker Space – plans to establish one in old reference section near Mahoney collection in process. Suggestion to reach out to Clarkson and public schools for help with maker space.

Establishment of renewed Seed Catalog and a vegetable/herb garden next to the library on the State St. side suggested. A possible series of gardening programs could be presented to augment this. Question of volunteer work in another garden raised since current gardens are not cared for very well. Continued thoughts and ideas will be considered.

OPL is now part of Northern New York Community Foundation. Donations to the foundation can be made and directed to the library to build up an endowment. Library may borrow against this fund once it reaches a minimum level. Also Northern New York Foundation gives grants to member agencies on an annual basis, and OPL could request such a grant.

## **Funding Requests:**

Keurig Coffee maker for patrons – Lots of questions and concerns over having coffee served in the library. Many ideas shared and continued consideration will be made. To be discussed at a future meeting.

Dorian requests \$150 for her revamped Music and Movement/ Story Hour Program. Motion made by Tom and seconded by Cindy to give her this program money. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lin Griffin, Secretary