

Friends of the Library  
Ogdensburg Public Library  
December 16, 2020

Present: Penny K., Cheryl L., Lin G., Ed L., Tom and Kathy L.

Meeting was called to order by Cheryl, vice-president, at 4:05 pm.

Ed moved and Tom seconded the approval of **October 7, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.**

Tom presented the **treasurer's report**. We took in \$6 from cookbooks at TAUNY, \$150 from the bookstore over the last 10 days, \$47 from Amazon Smile and \$44.55 from sale of books on Amazon. \$4,000 was moved from checking to savings to accrue more interest. Checking account balance as of 11/30/20 is \$4,534.29. Savings account balance is \$28,876.81. Lin moved and Kathy seconded a motion to **accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.**

**Membership report:** Since the membership drive began in October we have had 76 renewals, 4 new and 3 business memberships for a total of 83. Donations total \$5,322. This is much better than the previous year at this time when we had taken in \$3,180.61.

No correspondence to report. Tom received the Library Trustees newsletter and would like to have it available for all Friends to see. He will research the best way to do this.

**Old Business:**

- ⑩ A letter to Lowe's will be sent out again to Eric Sawyer requesting peg-board.
- ⑩ Programs on hold include quilt/flower show, mini golf, seed program, sip n share book club.
- ⑩ Library Hiking group – Nothing planned right now. Ideas for places to hike shared. Tom will send an email to Friends inviting them to a local hike with everyone meeting at the trail site at a specified time. A longer hike to Wanakena will be saved for spring

**New Business:**

- ⑩ **Possible bookstore closure** – After some discussion Tom moved and Kathy seconded **a motion to close the bookstore at the end of this week** due to Covid spread and health concerns. **Motion carried.** The situation will be reviewed at the January meeting and reopening considered then. An announcement will be made in the newsletter and a sign placed in front of the library indicating the closure.
- ⑩ **Nominating Committee** was appointed – Tom Lawrence, Lin Griffin and Laura Pearson. Cheryl will check with Laura. A slate of officers for president and vice-president will be presented at the January meeting.
- ⑩ Lin was thanked for the outdoor Christmas decorations at the library.
- ⑩ Christmas lights around the pillars – too late to do it this year.
- ⑩ **Zoom meeting for members of Friends** suggested. Penny can set this up, but anyone wanting to attend will have to let her know ahead of time. Such meetings would have to have a reason/topic such as how Friends can help the library, fundraising ideas, a tour of the “new look” at the library, or a tour of the bookstore. Tabled until the January meeting.
- ⑩ **Brainstorming about fundraising** for the library. Ideas included sale of special, “pricey” books, inviting a book appraiser to look at books people bring in – Library Road Show, author

visit to an individual's home for book discussion, wine & cheese (let local book clubs know), a fruit, wine and pastry auction with local bakeries and wineries, a quilt (or other large item) raffle, guest chef to serve dinner in someone's home for a party of 4 - auction, chamber music quartet concert with wine and cheese at the library. Members will be asked for other ideas in the newsletter. We could make a contest for finding the best fundraiser. Going back to the voters for library funding is one of the ideas being considered by the Library Board.

**Funding Requests:** Dorian asked for \$58.06 for expenses in October. Kathy moved and Ed seconded a **motion to cover this expense. Motion carried.**

Melanie does so much for the Friends that we will make her an **honorary member.** Tom will send her a membership card. Motion to this effect made by Tom, seconded by Lin. **Motion carried.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 5:15.** Motion by Tom, second by Ed. **Motion carried**

Cheryl thanked all and wished us Happy, Healthy Holidays.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lin Griffin, Secretary