

Friends of the Library
Ogdensburg Public Library
February 10, 2021

Present: Penny Kerfien, Cheryl Ladouceur, Tom Lawrence, Lin Griffin, Ed Lavarney, Shiela Monnet

Meeting was called to order by Cheryl at 4:02 pm. She told us of Cindy's appreciation for all the Friends do and how much she misses us. Her heart is with us!

Minutes of the January 13 meeting: After one correction for spelling Laura moved and Tom seconded the acceptance of the minutes. *Motion carried.*

Treasurer's Report: Friends have \$4,801.13 in the checking account, \$32,877.81 in the savings account. There was \$853 in memberships brought in this month. Amazon books brought in \$156.34.

\$4,000 was transferred from checking to savings. Laura moved and Lin seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report. *Motion carried.*

Memberships: 1 new free member, 1 new business member for \$200, 1 renewal for \$299, 3 renewals for a combined total of \$144. There are now 118 members and \$9,780 has been donated. The donations far exceed any other year. It was suggested that somewhere in their acknowledgement mailing we let Friends know how to access the newsletter and meeting minutes.

No correspondence

Old Business:

1.

No response yet from Lowes regarding our request for a donation of a pegboard. Laura will obtain a copy of the letter and go to Lowes to speak to the manager about it.

2.

3.

Bookstore reopening – review again at the March meeting.

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5.

Slate of officers presented: president – Laura Pearson, vice-president – Ed Lavarney,

6.

secretary – Lin Griffin, Treasurer – Tom Lawrence. Cheryl moved and Sheila seconded acceptance of the slate. *Motion carried.*

1.

A December annual meeting with possible awards and celebration of memberships was agreed on. The procedure/calendar for nominating officers was also accepted by consent.

2.

3.

Fundraising ideas discussed briefly included a virtual Seaway Trail Race and a shopping spree or other service related raffle. All fundraising will be tabled until after the May 18 referendum.

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5.

A letter to the Friends originally drafted to enlist more active participation will be revamped for use as a referendum letter to the Friends. Lin is working on this.

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7.

G-Mail account – Tom is still updating all his information for this.

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9.

Friends Facebook page access shared by Melanie, Penny, Tom, Ed, and Chris Becker. Chris will be monitoring/updating the Friends on-line calendar.

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11.

A possible revamping of the Friends meeting schedule was tabled until March. Motion to table by Laura and seconded by Cheryl. *Motion carried.*

12.

Trustee Report: Cheryl reported that the Library would be asking for \$225,000 on a school ballot referendum, May 18. This is because the City will no longer fund the library as of the end of 2021. The money for the school budget goes to the school. The money for the library goes to the library through the school. They are two separate votes. The Referendum Committee has been meeting every Friday afternoon at 2:30 and is doing a great job so far. The Library Board is sending a letter to the mayor, city manager and City Council regarding our decision to go out for the referendum and asking for their support. The committee is made up of both Friends and Trustees.

New Business:

1.

A committee needs to be formed to update the by-laws. No action taken.

2.

The next meeting in March 10 at 4:00 on ZOOM.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lin Griffin, Secretary