

Friends of the Ogdensburg Public Library
December 8, 2021 meeting

Present: Sheila Monnet, Ed Lavarney, Kathy Lawrence, Tom Lawrence, Dawn Merna, Cheryl Ladouceur, Laura Pearson, Ann Lesperance, Cindy Lyons-Hart, Thomas Robarge, Karen Wright, Lin Griffin

MINUTES: Cheryl moved and Sheila seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November 10 meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Checking account balance is \$12,089.75. Savings balance is \$32,883.27. Income - \$4619 in memberships, \$40.50 bookstore, \$76.81 Amazon Smile. We paid out \$138.17 in taxes.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: 4 new members since our last meeting; 1 new business member (St. Lawrence Credit Union). Membership Committee: Jen Pickman, Mary Cosmo, Wendy Flood(?).

CORRESPONDENCE: No new correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Slate of officers: President/Ed Lavarney, Vice-President/Chris Becker, Secretary, Lin Griffin, Treasurer/Tom Lawrence. Motion made by Cheryl, seconded by Thomas. Motion carried.
- 2) Friends 2022 Calendar reviewed:
 - No Sweetheart Soiree this February due to Covid. Suggestion to call it Starlight Soiree in 2023.
 - National Library Week is April 3-9. Endowment Campaign Committee may do an open house this week.
 - Thomas asked about an April Poetry Night – postponed until 2023.
 - Children's booksale May 3-9 for Children's Book Week.
 - July Wild West Fund Day in conjunction with Remington BBQ. We may want to change the name of the event to Library Park Fun Day. Kathy & Cheryl will join Lin to plan this. Tom and Karen will get information on the L. L. Bean Bootmobile coming that day or another.
 - August (?) American Doll event – to be decided in conjunction with Fort La Presentation.
 - October Book Club Convention – tabled for 2022.
 - Fall Book Sale Oct. 20-27 and membership drive.
 - September meeting - nominating committee appointed.
 - November meeting - slate of officers announced.
 - December meeting – election of new officers (possibly 2 year instead of 1 year terms).

ROUNDTABLE:

- Thomas told us he would be ringing the Salvation Army bell on 12/20,22,24 from 1-5 pm at Price Chopper.
- Endowment Committee will be making a formal announcement in January. Friends will donate after that. Other donations accepted at any time.

TRUSTEE REPORT:

- Endowment Committee well under way with the campaign; meeting again 12/14.
- Election of officers – Marc Boyer, president and Michelle McLagan vice-president.
- Recently appointed members are not attending meetings regularly.
- Strategic Plan under way – Tom and Sheila volunteered to help as needed. Ed previously as well.

Penny was evaluated and praised for her work. She will receive a raise to \$65,000 in 2022. The board agreed on a budget for 2022.

FUNDING REQUESTS;

None made by Penny.

Laura asked to have Tom Lawrence reimbursed \$678.75 for conference expenditures. Ed moved and Cheryl seconded a motion to repay Tom this amount. Motion carried. Suggestions made to consider a policy about reimbursement to volunteers for conferences in the future. This will be part of the by-laws review.

Lin moved and Thomas seconded a motion to spend \$180 for staff Christmas gifts – to be added to board donations for 6 employees (**Does this include Penny?**). Motion carried.

Cheryl asked about the Friends providing outdoor Christmas decorations. Cheryl moved and Lin seconded a motion to do this for 2022. Too late for this year. Motion carried.

Sheila asked about the cost of new benches. Lin had given the information to Penny but did not have it available for the meeting.

NOTE: Benches in Library Park that the Ogdensburg Garden Club purchased are from Park Catalog. A recycled plastic bench 4 ft long with no arms would cost \$415, 5 ft - \$465, 6 ft - \$485. The same kind of bench with arms would be for 4 ft - \$908, 5 ft - \$1032, 6 ft - \$1075.

JANUARY AGENDA ITEMS: by-laws committee established; conference attendance/reimbursement policies; calendar updates.

NEXT MEETING: January 14 at 4:00 at the library.

ADJOURNMENT: Cheryl moved and Tom seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Griffin, Secretary