

Friends of the Ogdensburg Public Library
March 9, 2022 Minutes

Present: Kathy Lawrence, Dawn Merna, Sheila Monnet Ed Lavarney, Thomas Robarge, Cheryl Ladouceur, Lin Griffin, Chris Becker, Ann Lesperance
Excused: Laura Pearson

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm by President Ed Lavarney.

MINUTES: Dawn moved and Sheila seconded a motion to accept the January 2022 minutes. Motion carried. (February meeting was cancelled.)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom was unable to attend but sent a written report which is attached. Checking account balance - February report = \$13,160.88 and March report = \$12,986.37 Savings account balance - February report = \$37,884.51 and March report = \$37,885.09 Thomas moved and Cheryl seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP:

February report – 5 renewals for \$564.00
March report – 1 renewal for \$25.00

CORRESPONDENCE: none

OLD BUSINESS:

1. NNYCF campaign update - \$5,200 donated so far towards the \$10,000 match. Social media information ongoing. Ann will be asking for letters to the editor. Using a “soft” approach with businesses since we may be going to them in the near future to support a capital campaign for building improvements. It was agreed to wait until the end of the first full year of the campaign before making a donation from the Friends. At that time we can determine the size of the donation with a maximum of \$5,000. Dawn will contact Christina Frank about any Key Club support and Kathy will make a contact to see if there is still an active book club at OFA. Both will be invited to hold a fundraiser of their choice to raise funds for us.
2. The American Girl Doll event is cancelled.
3. By-laws changes were presented. Two changes were suggested. In Article III, Section 6 the word 'board' will be eliminated. In Article V, Section 4 the words 'at the completion of terms' will be deleted. By-laws will be presented for acceptance in April.
4. Bench update – Benches have arrived.
5. LL Bean Event update – Ed will be the spokesperson dealing with LL Bean to see if we can interest them in bringing the LL Bean Shoe Pop-up Store to Ogdensburg during Seaway Festival week. We will ask for a donation of at least \$3,000.
6. Calendar update – 4 events on the calendar will be removed: Spring Children's Book Sale, Kid's Fun Day in July, Special Rare book sale, American Girl Doll event. Outdoor poetry event will be moved to June. Spring book sale will be April 27-29.

TRUSTEE REPORT: Work ongoing for the strategic plan. Much discussion about the building and future capital needs.

ROUNDTABLE: All agreed with Penny's suggestion to set up an account with Perry's for people to

take returnables and donate their refunds to the library.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Thrift Books possibility presented. We will set up a committee of volunteers and one staff person to look into establishing an account with Thrift Books. There is no up front cost and it operates similar to a wholesale consignment business. There is no set number of books we could send and no specification as to size or kind of boxes used to ship books to them. This seems to have very few restrictions compared to other such businesses. All were encouraged to look at Thrift Books website. We will ask if any Friends would be interested in being on this committee via social media and the next newsletter.
2. Bookstore ideas presented – shelves and overstock boxes need weeding; free books could be offered; and bag sales at a book sale could be buy one get one free.
3. No conflict of interest policy resenatation at this time.

FUNDING REQUESTS:

Dorian requested \$750 for summer reading expenses. Ann moved and Cheryl seconded a motion to cover this expense from the \$5,000 donation from Donna Barr. Motion carried. The Friends have thanked Donna, and we will suggest that Dorian write her own thank you as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lin Griffin, Secretary