

Friends of the Ogdensburg Public Library
Minutes – June 8, 2022

Present: Ed Lavarney, Ann Lesperance, Sheila Monnet, Dawn Merna, Thomas Robarge, Tom Lawrence, Barb Quirk, Cheryl Ladouceur, Lin Griffin, Georgia Langley

Excused: Wendy Hamilton

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm.

Agenda: Ann moved/Tom L. seconded acceptance of the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes: Tom L. moved/Cheryl seconded a motion to accept the May minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Checking account balance - \$12,465.19; Savings balance - \$37,887.00. Total income for the month - \$659.64; no expenditures. Requests for Fun Day in the Park expenses expected. Cheryl moved/Ann seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Membership Report: Three new memberships for a total of \$210.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business:

FUN GAMES IN THE PARK – All positive responses and requests to do it again. Wrap-up meeting planned soon.

NNYCF REPORT – Committee met May 18 and made plans going forward. Current balance in endowment is \$33,681.84. Another report expected at the end of June. Friends will wait to donate \$5,000 until after the first full year of the 3 year campaign.

THRIFT BOOKS – No report since Wendy was not able to attend.

LIBRARY ACCOUNTABILITY – A brief (5 to 7 questions) survey is planned to ascertain how the library can best serve the community. The survey will be online and in hard copy form – distributed in as many ways as possible. Input is being sought from NCLS and Massena and Waddington libraries in the formation of the survey. Matt Corey (NCLS rep) is willing to speak to us about this. Survey to be ready for September.

BOOK CLUB CONVENTION – Scheduled for September 24 on the Friends calendar. Ann will contact Laura Pearson to see if she still wants to chair the committee to plan this and set up a meeting of those interested on working on this event. Cindy's materials from previous years are at the library. Ann, Cheryl and Lin volunteered to work on this.

WEEDING – Lin will set up regular workdays this summer to weed the shrub border at the back of the library and the front borders. The possibility of hiring someone to do the first spring weeding just prior to mulching was discussed. To be determined.

Trustee Report: There has been a lot of discussion about wording of the by-laws. The by-laws state that when a board member resigns it is the responsibility of the board to appoint someone to fulfill that term. They may only appoint new board members for a new term. Mark Demers, board member, is now on the buildings and ground committee.

New Business:

SHARING BOOK OPINIONS: A draft of a form to gather readers' comments on books was passed around. Those present liked the idea. Just how the form would be used has not yet been determined.

AGENDA CIRCULATION: At the last meeting the assumption was made that all Friends receive the agenda each month. In order for this to happen a request has to go to Tom L. to have him send it out to his Friend's email group. This does not currently occur. Discussion followed about the pros and cons of sending the agenda to all Friends. It does appear on the Friends Facebook page. One suggestion was to send out an email asking who would like to receive the agenda. No action was determined, but the process of sending an email to all Friends was clarified.

POETRY READING; The Poetry Reading will take place on Friday at 5:30 in the gazebo in Library Park. Thomas has asked Seaway House to provide refreshments and would like reimbursement for their expenses. General agreement for this but no motion made.

FUNDRAISER POSSIBILITY: Georgia showed us the quilted throw she is in the process of creating for the Friends to use for a raffle fundraiser which could possibly take place during Seaway Festival. Other timing may also work out if time is too short to do this at Seaway Festival time. All were impressed with the quilt and thankfully accepted her generous donation. She will let us know when the quilt has been completed.

BOOK DONATION: Dawn asked of the possibility of the Friends purchasing/donating books for the new teen mental health unit at the hospital. After some discussion it was decided that did not fit in our mission so the Friends of the OPL could not do that. Ann suggested that Dawn could approach the OPL board with this request.

NEXT MEETING: July 12, 4:00 at the library.

Meeting Adjourned (about 5:30).

Respectfully submitted,
Lin Griffin, Secretary