

Friends of the Ogdensburg Public Library  
Minutes – July 13, 2022

Present: Ed Lararnway, Ann Lesperance, Thomas Robarge, Sheila Monnet, Lin Griffin, Laura Pearson, Dawn Merna, Tom Lawrence, Penny Kerfien, Georgia Langley, Wendy Hamilton, Cheryl Ladouceur, Barb Quirk, Chris Becker

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

Agenda: Motion made by Cheryl/seconded by Ann to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion made by Cheryl/seconded by Chris to accept the June 8, 2022 minutes. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tom reported that he is now including the number of customers at the bookstore as well as sales. Memberships registered and donations made at the bookstore are also now deliniated. He further explained the error in the year end report from June. Savings balance - \$37,887.62. Checking balance - \$12,326.77. Cheryl moved/Wendy seconded acceptance of the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Membership Report: Two new memberships in June. Total membership is 133 resulting in \$8,756. Tom reported that he would put the term of membership (one calendar year) on the memership letter as well as the card.

Correspondence: Notification fom Community Bank that the Ford St. branch is closing at the end of September.

Old Business:

Northern New York Community Foundation Report: No report as the quarterly report has not yet been received.

Thrift Books: We have a contract from Thrift Books if we wish to sign and become involved. It is in the name of the Friends of the Library, not OPL. It is a three year contract. If books are scanned before shipping we receive 40% on sales. If they are not scanned we receive 35%. We need to give a 30 day notice to cancel the contract without penalty. We pay 50% of the shipping costs, and this is taken out of the proceeds from sales. Wendy moved/Cheryl seconded a motion to enter into this contract with Thrift Books. Our first shipment will be unscanned and hopefully be sent following the October booksale.

Poetry Event: Thomas reported it was a success with 7 people attending. Another is planned in the fall.

Book Club Convention: Book Club Celebration is (new name) planned for Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022 from 12 to 2:00 at the library. Committee members are Ann, Cheryl, Lin and Laura. The second meeting was held today and plans are under way. There will be a light lunch, door prizes and games. These as well as supplies for decorations and tableware will be expenses for the FOL.

Survey Project: Cheryl reported that the committee had received detailed information on the survey Massena did recently and that it was very pertinent and will be tweaked to meet out own needs.

Distribution of the survey will be multi-faceted – at the front desk paper copy to be put in books as patrons leave, on website, newspaper, radio and WWNY TV. Penny and staff will have the chance to look this over and suggest changes before it is sent out. Target date is September.

Trustee Report: Cheryl reported that the June board meeting was disrupted and therefore shortened. The board voted to loan out a piece of Remington work to a museum in Denver. A report on investments was received from a representative of the investment company. The elevator was “down” but is now working after a new circuit board was put in. Karlyen Manke was appointed to the B&G Committee. Connie Jenkins is on the Finance Committee which is looking into insurances. The library is asking the City to continue health insurance and retirement for the CSEA union members as it has in the past 30 years.

#### New Business:

A Tall Ship is coming to Ogdensburg in September through the SLC Chamber. We are invited to present a Raingutter Regatta on Saturday, Sept. 10 as part of a week long Old River Fest while the ship is in the Burg. After looking at the packet of information on such an event that Laura presented us, Tom moved/Thomas seconded a motion to take on such a project and purchase necessary supplies up to \$150. Motion carried. Wendy and Chris will be in charge.

October 16-22 is National Friends of the Library Week and October is also the month of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the current library building. A list of possible activities to celebrate our 100 years was distributed. Georgia showed us her completed quilt and Tom has raffle tickets ready to print. The drawing for the raffle will be Oct. 21. Cheryl will contact banks about setting up to sell raffle tickets and report back at the August meeting. Laura will donate Library Christmas ornaments for us to sell. More discussion and planning to take place in August.

#### Funding Requests:

Penny requested \$960 to cover the cost of signs and banners for the Fun Day in the Park, welcome packs and summer reading program expenses. Wendy moved/ Sheila seconded a motion to pay this amount. Motion carried.

Library cameras have stopped working, and Penny requested \$4309 to replace them with one additional one added for the porch. Laura moved/Chris seconded a motion to approve this expenditure. Motion carried with one no vote.

Tom reported that Dorian will be trying to sign kids up for Flynn memberships.

Meeting was adjourned at about 5:45 following a motion by Cheryl/seconded by Wendy.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lin Griffin, Secretary.