

Friends of the Ogdensburg Public Library
December 14, 2022
Minutes

Present: Ed Lavarney, Sheila Monnet, Tom Lawrence, Kathy Lawrence, Cheryl Ladouceur, Wendy Hamilton, Lin Griffin, Laura Pearson

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 4:05 pm.

AGENDA - Cheryl moved, Tom seconded a motion to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES of the November 9, 2022 meeting – Cheryl moved, Laura seconded a motion to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Checking account balance is \$6,443.99. Savings account balance is \$49,890.98. Cheryl moved, Laura seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – There are currently 114 members with a total of \$7094.50 in membership donations. A discussion followed regarding how to recognize businesses. Listing them in the newsletter and purchasing plaque with their names to display in the library were two ideas. It was noted that some individuals give more than businesses. The membership committee will meet and report back to the Friends on how to recognize donors.

Correspondence – NCTW information on purchasing advertising space.

Old Business:

1. T-shirts – 13 ordered so far at a cost to the purchaser of \$20 each. We do not know the exact cost to us per shirt yet - possibly \$15 or less.
2. Thriftbooks – no update at this time.
3. Survey – 33 were turned in at the desk and are being tabulated. Online responses are yet to be reviewed. One outstanding revelation is that the staff are loved and appreciated. Another early takeaway is that people want the library open on Saturday. Final results will be shared with Penny and then with the Friends and Board.

New Business:

1. Nominating Committee report – Cheryl reported that the Nominating Committee was recommending a slate of Wendy Hamilton for president to fulfill Ed's unexpired term (1 year) and Dawn Merna as Vice President. Cheryl moved, Tom seconded a motion to accept the slate as presented. Motion carried.
2. 2023 Calendar – items to place on the calendar include: April 26-28 booksale, June 3 Car-B-Q Family Fun Day, July 15 Chamber/Fort event – rain gutter regatta, October book sale and membership drive, recognition of donors event, 100 years celebration
3. Shared gifts for staff – Friends customarily match board giving to purchase Christmas gifts for staff, This year there are 10 employees and the board wants to give each staff member a gift card for \$50 to Price Chopper. They will need \$500 and have contributed \$190 to date. The Friends will make up the difference to \$500. Tom moved. Laura seconded a motion to this effect. Motion carried.
4. A new Friends listing was distributed. A discussion on how to energize members ensued.

Laura volunteered to be volunteer coordinator and create a spreadsheet to indicate who signed up to work at what activities. Wendy agreed to help her with this. The desired outcome is more active and involved volunteers.

5. Tom suggested investing some of our savings in a 12 month CD, because interest rates are so much better than just a savings account. He suggested moving \$15,000 to a CD. No action will be taken until Penny submits a request for major capitol expenditures.

FUNDING REQUESTS – none

Cheryl thanked Ed for his year of service as president and for all his hard work as well as for an impressive quarterly newsletter. All present agreed and applauded Ed's efforts.

ADJOURNMENT – Cheryl moved, Tom seconded a motion to adjourn at 5:00 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Lin Griffin, Secretary