

Friends of Ogdensburg Public Library

Meeting 10/9/2019

Meeting was called to order at 6:03

In Attendance: L. Pearson, L. Griffin, J. Murray, A. Lesperance, C. Ladouceur, T. Robarge, S. Monnet, D. Clark, T. Lawrence, C. Lyons-Hart and P. Kerfien.

Approval of meeting minutes: C. Ladouceur, 2nd L. Griffin.

Treasurer's Report: checking \$3888.86, savings \$19868.74... To date we have spent \$94 on glasses, but some have gone missing, so we didn't make much profit.

We got a message from Melanie Brown about amazonsmile. There is a charity list, which is a part of amazonsmile where we can give them a list of items we would like to receive and people can donate these specific items to us. We will have Mel and Penny check this out for us. *C. Ladouceur motioned to approve treasurer's report, C. Lyons-Hart seconded – approved.*

Membership Report:

We had no new members this time, but membership was \$5582 over the past year with 152 members, which is the best we've ever seen. We had our membership committee meeting and revised the membership form. October 17 is the first night of the book sale and we will have our membership drive for renewals at that time. T. Lawrence will do the renewal letter. The first week of December will be the big drive with the second half of the patron list, which will be about 800 letters. We will need all hands on deck for that mailing.

Correspondence: We received a mailing from OCP and Hershey Company. Also, T. Lawrence received a newsletter from NYLA, which will be passed around for everyone to see. The Friends can join as a corporate member, then we will receive the newsletter. This would be a good thing for us to do.

Old Business: Book Club Convention report – C. Lyons-Hart said about 35 out of the 48 reservations came. Next year maybe we will charge \$5 a person. Some said it was too noisy, which was probably due to the way the tables were arranged. Next year we will go back to the original seating plan. We also need to set up a Friends table. Maybe we can get an author to speak next year. All in all, it was an enjoyable event and Cindy and friends did a great job! Thank you!

Fall Book Sale: October 17 through 26. Set up is Oct. 12 from 9-12., and there are 6 people signed up to help. If you are not yet signed up to work the sale, there are many open slots on the Fridays. Clean up is Oct. 29 at 9am and no one is signed up yet. We will be leaving the glasses at the front desk this time. We need paper bags for the bag sale.

Friends Reception: Will be held on the first night of the book sale Oct. 17 in the hallway outside the auditorium. C. Ladouceur will be setting it up for us, but we need someone to man it. Penny sent the award names to Laura and she will do the certificates and gift cards.

Candidate Forum: Laura can't be there, but some Friends will be there to help. It will be held on October 10 from 6-8pm at the Dobisky Center.

New Business: 2020 Calendar was drafted.

Soiree committee – Jo will get that going.

2020 Election Ballot: Nominations were made – President: C. Lyons-Hart

Vice-President: C. Ladouceur

Treasurer: T. Lawrence

Secretary: L. Griffin

All running unopposed.

Little Libraries: A. Lesperance asked who is maintaining them. Maybe we can ask the Friends members to do this, and possibly the high school seniors for their senior projects or Key Club could help. Could we put one up at the airport?

Workshop: Political Action Committee P. Kerfien and A. Lesperance attended and they learned that we should have a goal of 100,000 likes on facebook! Right now we have about 800, so we will be realistic and try to get that doubled to 1600, by December 31. J. Murray will do a poster for it to use at the book sale and P. Kerfien will do a bookmark for staff to hand out to patrons. We will make a thermometer of success to show our progress.

Funding Requests: Dorian –Halloween Party \$140

Book Battles 60

Staff - Water 300

C. Ladouceur motioned to accept, C. Lyons-Hart seconded – approved.

T. Lawrence – suggested we purchase a paper folder for our mailings and to leave at the library for use here. *C. Lyons-Hart motioned, A. Lesperance seconded –approved.*

C. Ladouceur suggested that maybe we could do a scholarship for a student, and P. Kerfien reminded that the Friends is supposed to be to support the library. Tabled until another time.

At 7:25 C. Ladouceur motioned to adjourn, T. Lawrence seconded.- approved.