

Friends of the Ogdensburg Public Library
July 8, 2020 meeting minutes

Present: Cindy, Cheryl, Lin, Tom, Kathy L., Karen, Ann L. Penny

Minutes from the June 10 meeting approved. Motion by Kathy and seconded by Cheryl.

Treasurer's Report for the month of June: \$9,330.93 in checking. \$18,874.79 in savings. Treasurer will transfer \$5,000 from checking to savings. \$17.48 paid for tax. Two bundles of paper bags were purchased from Save-a-Lot for use at book sales at a cost of \$49.14. The book sale brought in \$275.00. Cheryl moved and Ann seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

No membership report.

Correspondence: note from Bill Flynn thanking us for the Flynn scholarship for young Friends.

Old Business:

Quilt/Flower Show, Presentations to City Council, Mini Golf all still on hold.

Spring Clean-up – Cheryl, Cindy and Penny tagged lots of items to be removed. Penny reported that staff were taking some of the things home and other libraries are asking for some of them. We do still need a dumpster.

Virtual Book Sale - Most thought it was a good effort and should be repeated for the general public. The order form needs modification to allow a tear-off section (same as on curbside delivery) and author request (letting folks know we will do our best to respond but cannot promise). In order to do this we (Friends) will have to sort all the fiction books alphabetically. August 10 will be the day to start this project. We will ask the general Friends group for assistance. An attempt will be made to acquire standard size boxes and labels for this.

Children's Virtual book sale – Pick-up for this will be August 4 with hours corresponding to the curbside pick-up or special appointment. A news release will be sent out about it. Emails to Friends and Junior Friends will go out. This email will include information about the Junior Friend scholarship program. Posters will be put up where kids gather (pool, Boys & Girls Club, ice cream stands, etc.). Order forms will be available at the Yard Sale on July 24 as well as on line. Kathy and Karen will create the order form stating age ranges for children's books. Volunteers will meet on July 30 at 10:00 (or earlier) to bag orders.

Yard Sale – We will have a Library yard sale on Friday, July 24 from 8:00 to 1:00. Friends will be asked to help for shifts at the sale. Children's Book Sale forms (and maybe scholarship forms) will be available.

Curside pick-up status - Going okay. Posters will go up soon with curb-side option information.

New Business:

Stephanie will be doing a presentation to City Council on July 13. Friends information to include: virtual book sales, new ways we are reaching people (posters), little library boxes refurbished and

being used.

Reference section is being removed and may become a “maker space”. Mahoney books may be moved there as well.

Recognition of 3 employees who either have left or are leaving soon (Pat, Janice, Ellen). Cards have been sent to Pat and Janice. A gift certificate to The Creperie will be sent to Janice and one to Little Italy to Pat. A party will be planned for Jo Ellen which Cheryl volunteered to host. She will also receive a gift certificate/card (perhaps for Michael's) Date to be determined.

Motions made by Ann and seconded by Karen to purchase gift cards as described. Motion carried.

Discussion of Friends volunteering at the library due to staff reduction and hiring freeze took place. Pros and cons discussed. We will think about it for the next month and revisit. Penny has a copy of a volunteer handbook from Oswego which may help with this.

Funding requests – none.

Next meeting – August 12 at 4:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Tom, seconded by Ann. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Lin Griffin, Secretary