

Ogdensburg Public Library Friends Meeting
March 11, 2020
Minutes

Present: Penny Kerfien, Cheryl Ladouceur, Diane Clark, Karen Wright, Cindy Lyons-Hart, Laura Pearson, Lin Griffin, Thomas Robarge

Call to order: 6:10 pm

Minutes of the February meeting – moved by Cheryl, seconded by Laura – *motion passed.*

Treasurer's Report: \$10347.85 in checking
\$19872.10 in savings
\$ 1634.12 – Soiree profit

Donna Barr donated \$3,000 to the Children's Library. She will be back working with Music and Movement soon.

New memberships since last meeting – 8 with donations of \$121.

\$210.18 spent for treasurer's supplies – annual subscription for Microsoft renewed.

Recommendation: To have a second signature (officer) on the checking account.

Cheryl moved, Karen seconded acceptance of the treasurer's report. *Motion passed.*

Old Business:

Soiree critique – change time of year, need more general public to attend, a lot of work for not much profit, all auction items purchased by only 6 people

Quilt/Flower show – Karen and Lin will meet to make plans. Possibly in May 2021. Have flower, seed, bulb, plant sale and flower design displays and possibly do your own instruction.

Donation for seasonal giving – not all year long, only occasionally throughout the year; still like the idea of a birdhouse on a pole to decorate for special occasions/holidays. Cindy will look further into this.

Business thank you notes (donations to Soiree raffle) – done.

Special book sale – Karen is in the process of getting lists of book dealers.

Furniture Sale in March – not yet planned. Turning rows of chairs into art projects and talking to Diane Draysee about it was suggested.

Poetree Reading on April 4 from 3 to 5 is moving ahead. Posters are up and Seaway House is volunteering to do food again.

New Business:

Report on Trustee/Board meeting – 5 people attended (3 Friends, 2 Board)
A dumpster requested for a clean up day at the library.

Fundraiser of a craft/wine and cheese event suggested – lots now, maybe not a good idea.

Polar Bar Plunge – Chamber stopped doing it so maybe we could.

Tom L. is working on a capital campaign and/or a library foundation.

Question raised – What does the community want form the library?

Fishing poles to sign out seems like a good idea.

June 26-28 the Chamber is sponsoring a Green Belt Bass Bash. Music provided by Chamber.

On Saturday from 11 to 3 we are invited to offer games, book sale, etc. at the library. This is a nationally publicized event and we would do well to be visible. Chamber is having t-shirts made and we can get them to wear that day. Lin will check on Cubbie the Clown and with Karla Trimm about her animals for this event

City Council presentations – quarterly instead of bi-monthly. Give them newsletters and goodies at the meeting we attend.

Spring clean-up – date set to go through the whole library and mark things to give, sell or throw away. Chair units could be painted with fish motiffe and used for seating or possibly to sell.

X-mas decorations – lots or materials at the library from prior years to check out before buying new. Idea is to make the library look great for the Xmas season.

Atul Gawande's book Being Mortal will be used for a Community Conversation on March 24 a the library from 6:00 – 8:30. Refreshments served. Sponsored by Hospice and the Library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Griffin, Secretary