

Friends of the Ogdensburg Public Library
April 22, 2020 Meeting
Minutes

Present: Cindy Lyons-Hart, Cheryl Ladouceur, Tom Lawrence, Lin Griffin, Diane Clark, Karen Wright, Michelle McLagan, Penny Kerfien

Meeting was on Zoom and called to order at 5:05 pm.

Cheryl moved and Tom seconded acceptance of the March minutes. Motion carried.

President's Report:

Given there may well be a problem keeping the library open after this pandemic closure perhaps a donation button on the website would be a good idea.

Tom Lawrence is redoing the doors on the Little Libraries.

Future meetings on Zoom will begin at 3:00 p.m.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking account balance - \$11059.05.

Savings account balance - \$19873.57. We received a \$500 donation from the Sorenson-Beck Foundation, Ronald and Hilda Sorenson of Florida. No one knows this couple.

\$4,000 was transferred to the library for emergency funds.

Membership – 2 new members and one renewal for a total of \$550.

No correspondence.

Question of a second signature authorization on the checking account raised. **Cheryl moved and Lin seconded a motion to appoint the Library Director, Penny Kerfien, as the 2nd signature.**

Motion carried. Tom will check with the bank to see what needs to be done to accomplish this.

Cheryl moved and Diane seconded a motion to receive the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Quilt/Flower show – no action.

Seasonal Donations – Cindy has a bird house and will work with Penny to enlarge it.

Special Book Sale – no report as Karen had not yet joined the meeting.

Furniture Sale – no movement on this.

Polar Bear Plunge – concensus was not to take over this fundraiser but to come up with something original for the library – indoor library mini-golf.

Captial Gain/Foundation – Tom will continue to look into the status of the Library Foundation established in the 1980's. We think it is still a legal entity, but 501C3 status was never sought.

Fishing Poles – Cindy will look on line for them and confer with Penny.

City Council Presentations – on hold.

Spring clean-up – on hold.

Being Mortal book discussion – Hospice has canceled all its activities for the remainder of 2020.

New Business:

Book Sale – Having a “normal” book sale in May is unlikely but we do need the funds generated from such a sale. The idea of a virtual book sale was entertained. A special meeting for further discussion and planning of such a fundraiser the week of the 18th of May will be on Tuesday, April 29 at 4:00 on Zoom.

Newsletter position open – Kathy can no longer do this. Suggestion to contact Friends membership to see if anyone would be interested in this. Suggestion to have just a social media newsletter made. *Facebook page/Website* – Cindy asked for material/pictures for updating our sites to be submitted. Suggestion to ask local book clubs to submit favorite books was made. Further suggested to have them say what they are currently reading. Other ways of involving local clubs may be determined.

Funding Requests -

St. Patrick's Day expenses - \$50.54

Easter candy and supplies - \$167.44

Mailing expenses for Mel - \$300

No Adirondack Experience expense since the museum will not be open this summer.

Total - \$517.54

Cheryl moved and Lin seconded to approve these funding requests. Motion carried.

Tom requested reimbursement for treasurer's supplies amounting to \$210.18. **Karen moved and Cheryl seconded to reimburse the treasurer. Motion carried.**

NYLA Conference in the fall – Tom expressed an interest in attending this fall conference and would apply for grants to cover expenses if he can go. Any expenses not covered by the grant(s) would be paid 50% by the Friends and 50% by Tom. **Motion to approve this plan was made by Cheryl and seconded by Karen. Motion carried.**

Michele, president of the Library Board, thanked the Friends for their continued support and work on behalf of the library.

Next meeting will be May 13 at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Griffin, Secretary