

Friends of the Library  
Ogdensburg Public Library

April 14, 2021

**Present:** Laura Pearson, Tom Lawrence, Ed Lavarnway, Cheryl Ladoceur, Karen Wright, Penny Kerfien, Ann Lesperance.

**Excused:** Lin Griffin

**Zoom:** no requests as of 4:05PM

Meeting was called to order at 4:05pm by President Laura Pearson.

**Minutes:** The minutes of March 9, 2021 were reviewed. Cheryl moved to accept as presented, Karen seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** There is \$11,274.17 in checking; \$32,878.88 in savings account. No money was transfer from checking to assure the \$5,000 commitment to referendum expenses will be met.

Expenses: Referendum sign expenses paid -\$639. Waiting on receipt of bill to pay Radio Ads/ Mertz - \$728, and second bill for referendum signs.

Membership: 7 members added, 2 renewal and 5 new. Current total 129 members. For comparison, last year at end of campaign in July 2020, there were a total of 128members. Donations and dues this month \$5, 410.

Income: Donation for Children's Program - \$5,000, Book Sale - \$40, Virtual Book Sale - \$215, Amazon Book Sales – \$15.84, Membership - \$260, unassigned - \$200. New category created for referendum - \$1240.

Correspondence: A card from Laura Market, with a donation. A Thank- You card from Janice Sickler for flowers received.

Cheryl moved to accept treasurer's report as presented, second by Ed. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- 1) Laura printed the request for Lowes to donate pegboard. She will deliver the letter in person. If the answer is no, the Friends will purchase the peg board elsewhere and as soon as possible.
- 2) Book Store Reopening – Penny shared that the Library is planning to open the Library for browsing full time on May 3, 2021. This could change if COVID situation changes. With that information it was agreed to reopen the Book Store as of June 2, 2021. This allows the Library to adjust to the increase in in person browsing. Cheryl will contact Cindy and create a schedule.
- 3) Virtual Book Sale – 43 bags were sold and profit of \$215.

**New Business:**

- 1) Little Library Volunteers- Discussion on how to maintain and expand Little Libraires. Currently 4 Little Libraries. They need to be visited, routinely, to keep them full, not overflowing or empty. It was agreed that Tom would email the Friends list asking for volunteers to adopt a current

Little Library. Ed would post a similar request in the next Friend's Newsletter. The request will also be posted to the Friend's web page. Also discussed possible additional locations to put a Little Library; such as Farmer's Market on Ford Street Extension, Airport, Fort, (Churches?). Tom will contact Beth about Market and Laura will contact Steve Lawrence about Airport.

- 2) Community Wide Garage Sale –Penny plans to put out some items on May 28<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested, and agreed, the Friends could set up some tables with books for sale. The books donated since the alphabetical sorting would be used. Details will need to be worked out.

**Referendum:**

- 1) Phone Bank Lists being developed.
- 2) Advertising Plans on track – Radio Spots are done and continuing, Interviews are done, Print ads are being review, Banners are on the way, You Tube spots in progress, Letters to the editor are being published, Laura is making regular press releases, mailing of flyers will be done within the week.
- 3) Vote is less than 5 weeks away.
- 4) Laura and Penney will share a reminder for information on registering to vote.
- 5) The Library Referendum is item #4 on the ballot. May be useful information to share.

**Funding Requests** – Penny requested - \$200 for Summer Reading Program, - \$500 for replacement tables, - \$854 for replacement printer. Cheryl moved to accept the request, Tom seconded and motion passed.

**Next Meeting:** May 12, 2021, at 4PM, at Library

Meeting adjourned at 5:17PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lesperance