

Friends of the Library
Ogdensburg Public Library
January 13, 2021

Present: Penny Kerfien, Cheryl Ladouceur, Lin Griffin, Chris Becker, Tom Lawrence

Meeting was called to order by Cheryl at 4:04 pm.

Minutes: Tom made one correction to the December minutes. He moved and Cheryl seconded a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

President's Report: Cindy was ill and unable to attend and give a report.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking account balance - \$7,879.79 – Treasurer will move some to savings.

Savings account balance - \$28,877.30 – highest balance EVER!

Two businesses and one private donation resulted in donations of \$1750 since the last meeting.

Lin moved and Cheryl seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Membership Report: 2 new, 2 business, and 18 renewals since the last meeting. Total members – 107. \$8,927 realized in memberships for this year (2021).

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

Letter to Lowe's regarding pegboard - awaiting response.

Library Hiking Group – trip to Red Barn trails was a success. 9 folks joined us, with 2 from the

Gateway Museum there to guide us through the trails and give us some history. One Girl Scout

and her dad joined us. Another hike will be planned for February, probably the Kip Trail by the

Little River in Canton. A trip to Wannakena some time in the future.

Bookstore - Tom moved and Cheryl seconded a motion to postpone reopening the bookstore and

review the decision at the next meeting. Motion carried. Tom will check the cashbox to be sure the

start-up money is in small bills and quarters. Current cashbox is fine.

Nominating Committee Report - Tom presented the following slate of officers for 2021:

President – Laura Pearson, Vice President – Ed Lavarney, Secretary – Lin Griffin, Treasurer -

Tom Lawrence. Tom will email Friends to announce the slate and ask for any further nominations.

The vote will be at the February meeting.

New Business:

Zoom meeting for Friends – After some discussion it was agreed to hold an annual meeting of the

Friends in December (Dec. 8, 2021), anticipating that it will be an in person meeting. Awards

may be presented, a vote on officers for 2022 will occur and memberships celebrated. No ZOOM meetings planned.

Procedure for nominating officers – committee appointed in October; slate presented in November;

election of officers in December. Schedule to be put on the calendar.

Fundraising ideas – Ideas for what could be done over ZOOM requested. Possibly a raffle and

possibly an event where individuals participate by getting sponsors to back them in some sort of

challenge (hike, run, buke, etc.). Tom and Lin will get information on how this would work from

Karlyen Manke and Hospice.

Trustee Report – Cheryl announced that the board has decided to go back to the voters for another

referendum. A special meeting to plan details is scheduled for next week. She asked for strong

Friend participation in this endeavor. A committee will be set up to plan the referendum campaign,

hopefully with both board and Friend members. Tom expressed an interest in working with this committee.

Letter to Friends – A draft letter to Friends to encourage active participation will be put on hold and

possibly revamped to include specific language about the referendum.

Gmail account – Tom is currently updating the Friend email list.

Friends calendar on line – Chris said she would try to keep the calendar up to date.

Ed (for the newsletter), Tom and Chris will all need to have access to the Friends Facebook page for input.

Meeting schedule - We have been meeting monthly. Should that continue? Should there be a

combination of some business meetings and some informative meetings/gatherings? Tabled

until new officers can be in on the decision.

Honorary Friend membership for Melanie – Tom will do it this week.

Funding Requests: Dorian has requested \$100 for supplies for curbside crafts. Tom moved and Lin

seconded a motion to give her \$100 for this purpose. Motion carried.

The next meeting is February 10 at 4:00 on ZOOM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Griffin, Secretary