

Friends of the Library  
Ogdensburg Public Library

May 12, 2021

Present: Laura Pearson, Ann Lesperance, Kathy Lawrence, Tom Lawrence, Ed Lavarney, Lin Griffin, Thomas Robarge. Cheryl Ladouceur, Penny Kerfien

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm.

**Minutes:** Tom L. moved and Lin seconded a motion to accept the minutes of April 14. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Checking account balance is \$8892.75, and savings account is \$32,8798.42.

Deposits and expenses were explained. Thomas moved and Ed seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**Membership Report:** One new membership was received in April - \$100. There are currently 130 members with a total of \$16,680 in donations. Kathy moved and Ann seconded a motion to accept the membership report. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- Laura submitted another written request to Lowe's for pegboard. She will follow up on that. If it is not donated the Friends will buy it.
- Volunteers for maintaining Little Libraries are Joanne Wells, Slesley Bond, Mary Margaret Small, and Terry Dishaw. Tom will ask these volunteers to talk with Penny for directions.
- The yard sale on May 28 at the library has time slots yet to be filled. No donations will be accepted for this garage sale; only library materials will be sold. In the future we may consider a garage sale as a fundraiser where members make donations.

**New Business:**

\*The American Girl Doll fundraiser was discussed. The dolls are valued at \$150 and each represents a certain time in our history and comes with her own story. The dolls are donated by American Girl Dolls for not-for-profit fundraisers. Applications are accepted to get one doll per year. We may have a raffle for the doll and a tea party for girls and their dolls at which time the winner of the raffle would be chosen. Ideally this event would take place during Children's Book Week. This year there are two – May 3-9 and Nov. 4-14. Laura and Dorian will work on this.

Chris Proven was suggested as someone who could make doll clothes for the American Girl dolls.

\*Park clean-up needed. Workdays in spring and fall will be planned. Laura will draft an email about this and send it to Tom. It should coincide with yard waste pick-up times. The last spring pick-up is May 24, so this spring will not work. Another pick-up is June 19-27. There was a consensus to wait until fall to do this. In the meantime Lin asked for help raking and weeding at the shrub border behind the library. Lin will pick a date and send the info to Tom for an email. Tom Robarge wants to help and would like a phone call for details.

\*Summer carnival – No Remington Barbecue this summer. We will wait until 2022 to do this again.

\*Bookstore Reopening – The bookstore will reopen on June 2 from 4-6 pm. Hours on June 3 and 4 will be 2-4 pm. Volunteers are signed up for all hours. Laura will do a press release on this.

\*Patty Ritchie was at the library to view the fishing equipment we will loan out. Her office will put out a news release about this. A picture with Senator Ritchie was taken in front of the library with the referendum sign in the background.

\*Tom is planning for a hike in June, probably to Lampson Falls.

\*Cheryl expressed interest in finding fundraisers that would bring in more than just a few hundred dollars. A duck decoy show , putt-putt golf, a sale of special books of value, and the L L Bean traveling store were suggestions discussed. Future planning will be done by committees for any event we hold.

**Trustee Report on Referendum:** Cheryl indicated the board was pleased with all the work done by the referendum committee. She thanked the committee members who have worked hard. Tom reported that there will be 19 people making about 20 calls each May 14-16 reminding people to vote on May 18. All callers have a list, instructions and a script to use.

**Funding Requests:** Penny requested \$200 for June crafts for children and \$300 for shipping of Amazon sales (for Melanie). Cheryl moved and Ed seconded a motion to grant the requests. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 9, at 4:00 at the library.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Griffin, Secretary