

Friends of the Library
Ogdensburg Public Library
June 9, 2021

Present: Karen Wright, Tom Lawrence, Lin Griffin, Laura Pearson, Cheryl Ladouceur, Ann Lesperance, Nina Valler, Penny Kerfien
Excused: Ed Lavarney

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm.

Minutes: Tom L. moved and Karen seconded a motion to accept the May minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: There is a balance of \$7946.00 in the checking account, \$32879.98 in the savings account. Expenditures this month were \$1257.80 and donations were \$226.00 from Network for Good. Referendum expenses totaled \$3472.07 and donations were \$2134.00. Total expenditures for the referendum = \$1338.07. Lin moved and Ann seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Membership Report: We had 2 new memberships for \$140 and 1 renewal for \$20. Since September 30, 2020 we have had \$16840.00 in Friend donations and 133 members. Ann moved and Karen seconded a motion to accept the membership report. Motion carried.

Correspondence: copies of the two Spotlight pages from NCN and an informative piece on purchasing stamps on line. We will not be purchasing stamps on line.

Old Business:

1. American Girl Doll fundraiser: Laura read her email information on this (attached). Tom L. had several pages of history on the American Doll which we may use in our publicity. Tom will write the proposal to have a doll donated. Garden Party event will be June 4, 2022.
2. Garage Sale Report: \$305 profit from the garage sale.
3. Reopening of the Bookstore: On the day of reopening 15 children's books and 2 adult books were sold for a total of \$14.00. In June we will be offering a sale on James Patterson books. Other ideas were shared. (see attached) Penny suggested a rolling cart of books on sale to take to library events such as Music and Movement or Summer Reading events. Dawn Merna will be joining us at Friends meetings in the future. Cheryl will chair the Bookstore committee. A sign announcing bookstore hours is needed – must be moveable.
4. Library Park Clean-up: Lin, Cheryl, Cindy and Thomas R. worked to weed the shrub border. Further general park clean-up will be scheduled for fall.

New Business:

1. Laura asked for feedback on the annual calendar of events. Change in the calendar dates – American Doll Garden Party is on June 4. Wild West Fun Day will just be Fun Day. Decoy show will be postponed until 2023. Jo Ellen agreed to chair the Soiree for February 2022. Laura will create a survey to find interest of Friends in helping with committees and events. Tom will send it out to all Friends.
2. Craft idea – craft programs for adults to be held quarterly and led by local crafters.

Refreshments will be served. A committee to organize this will be led by Cheryl, and she will ask Sally Clark to assist her. This will begin in late January 2022. suggested

3. Tom L. suggested an outdoor activity committee be formed to organize programs around outdoor preparedness for various activities. These would be quarterly programs. He will chair the committee.
4. Laura shared a new fundraising idea – a huge 50/50 raffle on line through Bump Worldwide. This could bring in thousands of dollars and could also be done in conjunction with another not-for-profit organization. Laura will find out more information. Great interest expressed.
5. Penny has accepted an invitation from Matt Curatolo to submit a weekly column for The Ogdensburg Journal. She is not a good writer (by her own admission) and will need help. More information is needed from Matt as to size of such a column. Just what would appear in such a column was not clear. We will discuss this again at the next meeting. Laura will get information.
6. Karen reported on the Heuvelton Library scholarship program and suggested we look into a similar thing. She will get more information about how this is handled in Heuvelton and report back at the next meeting.
7. Tom L. reminded us that any spending on programs needed to be requested ahead of time and agreed to by the officers of the Friends. He also cautioned us against taking on too much at once.

Trustee Report – Referendum: Lin suggested that taking library programs to other venues in the community would help put the library in the public eye and possibly bring people into the library who might not otherwise have visited. It could also lead to cooperative ventures with other organizations. All emphasis need not be on bringing people into the library for programs.

Funding Requests: None

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 14 at 4 pm at the library/zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Lin Griffin, Secretary

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