

Friends of the Ogdensburg Public Library  
October 13, 2021  
Minutes

Present: Ed Lavarney, Tom Lawrence, Ann Lesperance, Thomas Robarge, Sheila Monnet, Lin Griffin, Penny Kerfien

Meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm.

Minutes: Tom moved/Ann seconded a motion to accept the Sept. 8, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Checking balance - \$7361.73. Savings balance - \$32882.17. Tom pointed out that we have spent about \$600 on bookstore advertising in NCN, and since its inception the bookstore has brought in \$1,000 overall. Ann will be sharing the last page of the treasurer's report on the bookstore earnings each month with bookstore volunteers. Tom will be attending a NYLA conference in November and attending a workshop on finances.

Membership Report: There was one new membership for \$100. A new membership drive is in the planning for October 2021 – September 30, 2022. Last year there were 140 members bringing in \$17055. Previously the average amount of yearly dues amounted to around \$2500.

Correspondence: The only correspondence was the mailing from NCN to show us the ad they printed.

Old Business:

1. Book Sale coming up October 20-22. Set up will be Oct. 20 at 11:30 am. Oct. 20 sale is from 4 – 7pm. Oct. 21 sale is from 10am – 4 pm. Oct. 22 sale is from 10 am – 4 pm and is the bag sale. Clean-up is Oct. 25 at 9:30 am. Only one shift is uncovered – 10/22 from 2 – 4 pm. The bookstore is also open during the book sale. Workers are scheduled for those times. Plastic and cloth bags were found by Penny for those who want bags other than at the bag sale. We will sell the cloth bags for \$1.00.

New Business:

1. A nominating committee is needed. Tom Lawrence and Lin Griffin will do that again this year. Bill Flynn was suggested as a vice-president. Tom will ask him. Lin and Tom are willing to continue as secretary and treasurer respectively, and Ed will move up to president.
2. Dorian is planning a Halloween party on October 27 from 5 to 6:45pm. Volunteers are needed.
3. Sheila suggested that the Library have a Wish List for larger items needed. All agreed it was a good idea. Ed will put it in the newsletter.
4. Sheila also suggested displays for local history in the library. We will not try to be a museum, but Julie Madlin is trying to establish a local history museum independent of the city. She will keep us up to date on this effort.
5. Thomas asked about a Poetry Open Mich night in April again next year. This will be added to the calendar, and we will watch the Covid situation to be sure it is possible.

Roundtable: Announcement of the 6:00 pm photo op in front of the library to recognize the NCLS award presented to the Ogdensburg Public Library. Matt Curatolo from The Ogdensburg Journal will be taking the photo.

Trustee Report:

1. The director and the board are working on the 2022 budget.
2. The library received a Northern New York Community Foundation matching grant. The goal is \$50,000, but once we reach \$10,000 the Foundation will match it.
3. A question was raised about the maintenance of Library Park, specifically mowing. The City does 2/3 to 3/4 of the mowing and Bob does the rest. Lin has asked John Farrand as a member of the Tree Commission about caring for the trees in Library Park. No response yet.
4. The board is now full with the latest new appointment by the mayor – Loretta Cook.

Funding Request:

Directional signs (Covid related) - \$60

Adirondack Museum passes - \$65

Wild Center passes - \$90

Summer reading expenses from last summer - \$200

Calendar for patrons - \$285

Halloween party - \$300

**Total - \$1,000**

Tom moved/Ann seconded a motion to approve funding requests in the amount of \$1,000. Motion carried.

Ann moved/Sheila seconded a motion to adjourn at 5:16 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Griffin, Secretary

PS – We neglected to formally accept the treasurer's report. No motion made.