

Friends of Ogdensburg Public Library

Meeting Wednesday, September 8, 2021

4:06pm - 4:48pm- Auditorium

Attendance: Tom L., Thomas R., Ed L., Wendy H., Laura P. Ann L., Sheila M. Penny K.

Excused: Cindy LH

I. **Approval of the August Minutes** – Motion Tom, 2nd Ed, approved

II. **Treasurer's Report**

Current Balance in Checking Acct. \$7139.37; current balance in Savings Acct. \$32,881.63. Taxes paid this quarter on sales of \$997 was \$75.54. Membership income this month \$195, Bookstore sales \$200.25, Amazon Smile \$107.23, Donations \$8.50, Tote Bags \$10. Motion to accept report Ed, 2nd Thomas, report accepted

III. **Membership Report**

There were 4 new members added at \$175, total members 140 at \$17055. Accepted report- Motion Sheila, 2nd Wendy.

IV. **Correspondence**

No correspondence received.

V. **Old Business**

a. American Girl Doll Fundraiser Committee- The committee has not met. The desire is to connect with the Founder's Day Weekend. The Founder's Day weekend may move to August. The plan is to raffle an American Girl Doll, of the time period if possible. An event will be built around the raffle; possibly include Forsyth's Rifles and toys. The price of the raffle tickets is not yet decided. Tickets will be sold at the library, and requests made to Library Friends and Fort Members to sell tickets. Ed requests a lead time for including in the Newsletter. *Discussion* – This led to a discussion of the monetary limits allowed in fundraising by a non-profit. Discussion of identity of American Girl Dolls; Website www.americangirl.com.

b. Bookstore Committee –

Upcoming Book Sale Oct 20 – 22 in auditorium. Book Store will have extended hours to match. Kathy Lawrence will coordinate work schedule, need approximately 33 workers. -There will be themed sales and bag sales throughout the year. -Tickets for a free book from the book store will be added to September Library Card Signup Month and to the Friends membership invitation packets in November. -There is still a gap in communication. Most information is shared via

computer, not all our Friends are linked this way. We continue to work on this need.

- c. 50/50 Fundraiser Update - No update. Laura is has been unable to contact the organization.

VI. New Business

- a. Book Sale – Oct 20, 21 & 22. Laura will do a press release.
- b. Membership Drive – Renewals will start in October. There will be a request for a small committee to contact businesses, revise membership form, try to improve volunteer response portion. Tom will use e-blast list to make specific requests.
Discussion – Suggested to have Ed add volunteers to Newsletter, to make acknowledgement more visible.
- c. Newsletter – Ed plans 2 Newsletters before New Year.
- d. Friends Hike – Hike to Harper’s Falls planned. Tom will share when date is set.

VII. Roundtable (added to review community events of interest)

- SLC Arts Council – Studio Tour – 3 weekends in Sept. Ogdensburg is Sept 18&19 – 10 am to 4 pm – Thomas Robarge studio will be open, 328 Morris Street.

VIII. **Trustee Report** – No notes recorded

IX. **Funding Requests** – None at this time.

X. **Next Meeting** – Wednesday, October 13th – 4 pm at Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lesperance