

## Friends of the Library Minutes May 11, 2022

Present: Ed Lavarney, Cheryl Ladouceur, Tom Lawrence, Thomas Robarge, Chris Becker, Wendy Hamilton, Ann Lesperance, Sheila Monnet, Lin Griffin  
Excused: Laura Pearson, Dawn Merna

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm. Cheryl moved & Wendy seconded a motion to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Cheryl moved and Chris seconded a motion to accept the April 13, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tom reported we have \$1,2405.55 in the checking account, and \$37,886.35 in savings. Income for the last month was \$1,075.98 and expenditures were \$168.48. Cheryl moved and Chris seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP: There have been 3 renewals over the past month for a total of \$55.00. We currently have 125 members. A suggestion was made to try to encourage more members to attend meetings. All Friends are sent an email invitation to the meetings. Newsletters always have a line inviting members to attend as well. These efforts will continue.

### NNYCF REPORT:

Ann reported that over \$10,000 has been contributed and NNYCF has matched it with \$10,000. Our balance with the foundation is now \$27,468.50. The next meeting of the NNYCF committee will be on May 18 at 4:00 pm at the library. Plans regarding how to proceed will be discussed.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

Tom passed around a thank you card from Cindy Lyons-Hart.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. By-laws – nothing more needs to be done to formalize the changes we adopted.
2. June 4 Games in the Park – Adult volunteer supervision will be needed at each game. Lots of games are planned. Ed requested up to \$300 for prizes at the games. Ann moved and Cheryl seconded a motion to authorize this expenditure. Motion carried. Any leftover prizes will be given to Dorian for her use in children's programs. Set-up and clean-up crews will also be needed. Cheryl will approach the city to provide trash cans for the event. Water will be available at the games. There will be a kids book sale table and also Friends information available. Adding the bounce house that we own and sending information out through the schools and the Boys and Girls Club was suggested. Several school clubs have been invited to help at the games. The rain date is June 5, Sunday. Friends mailing list will be divided up so all can make some calls asking for volunteers. The next meeting of the planning committee is May 18 at 10:30 am at the library.
3. LL Bean event – no further word at this point.
4. Thrift Books – no further information at this point. Questions arose regarding Amazon books

- and the Amazon Wish List. Ed will meet with Mel to address this.
5. Library accountability/advocacy – Cheryl reported that the Friends would be doing a community survey to determine what programs people would like to see at the library and what the library can do for them. It will be a brief online survey. One idea is to reinstate adult craft programming that Stephanie did while she was with us. Lin suggested being careful to not overstep the Friends role by implementing programs. That is the job of the library staff. Friends can make suggestions and volunteer as asked to help carry out programs. Penny provided information on the difference between events and programs. An event is a one time “program” aimed at raising money or visibility for the library. Programs are ongoing activities at the library.
  6. Book Club Convention – planned for September as noted on the calendar. No discussion at this point mostly due to time constraints.
  7. Book Sale Report – 2/3 of the proceeds came from upstairs and 1/3 from the bookstore stock. Total profit from the book sale was \$774.48. Some thought this was much less than previous sales. This one was only for two and a half days as opposed to 9 or 10 days and so it makes sense that the profit is less.
  8. Bookstore committee will meet again on May 25 at 4:00 at the library. The role of the bookstore at a book sale will be discussed.
  9. Trustee Report – Cheryl reported that there is now a full board. Karlyen Manke has stepped in to full Jamie Amo's term. Since this is replacing an unexpired term the board has the authority to appoint without the mayor's involvement. The board is looking at a policy for endowments and a policy for videotaping and photography. An account has been set up for the library at Perry's Bottle Redemption Center.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. The question was raised as to the possibility of the Friends making in-kind donations to another organization. As per online conversations and opinions this will not happen.
2. Thomas thanked the Friends for the bench and plaque honoring his dad.
3. CALENDAR UPDATE: already discussed throughout the meeting. Poetry Open Mic is scheduled for June 10 at 2:00 in the gazebo; a rain date is June 11.

FUNDING REQUESTS: Penny requested funding for the ADK Museum pass, Summer Reading program materials and more plastic bags as used at the book sale for a total of \$600. Tom moved and Cheryl seconded a motion to provide \$600 as requested. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: June 8, 2022 at 4:00 at library.

ADJOURNMENT: Cheryl moved and Ann seconded a motion to adjourn at 5:10 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lin Griffin, Secretary