

## Friends of the Ogdensburg Public Library

September 14, 2022

### Minutes

Present: Ann Lesperance, Sheila Monnet, Tom Lawrence, Ed Lavarnway, Cheryl Ladouceur, Laura Pearson, Dawn Merna, Chris Becker Lin Griffin, Penny Kerfien, Karen Wright, and 3 guests

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

Added to the agenda: Karen Wright – L L Bean and Dawn Merna – t-shirts

Minutes of the August meeting were accepted. Motion – Cheryl, Second – Laura - motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Current checking balance - \$10,783.12, Current savings balance - \$37,888.91

Total income for the month - \$2,175. Quilt raffle tickets to date - \$802.75.

Cheryl moved, Laura seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Report on LL Bean Bootmobile: We just heard this week that the Bootmobile and Pop-Up Store is available to come to Ogdensburg in early November or October 15-16. All we need to provide is space and electricity. We are aware of street festival and park permits we would need as well as the appropriate insurance coverage. We will need contact information and a copy of a driver's license from whoever will be in charge at LL Bean to present to our police department. Tom moved, Ann seconded a motion to invite LLBean to Ogdensburg for Oct. 15 or 16 (one day only). Motion carried. Several questions were raised which Karen will ask of the LL Bean representative and report back to all via email.

Membership Report: We had 3 renewal memberships for a total of \$1,090. We now have 142 Friends and the total income from memberships this year is \$10,476.

Correspondence - OCP brochure and a card from the bank displayed.

Old Business:

**Thrift Books** – No report.

**Book Club Celebration** – 35 reservations to date plus 6 committee members = 41. The maximum

number is 50. We anticipate that the \$5.00 entry fee will nearly or completely cover food costs.

Beverages and decorations have been donated. Overall cost will be minimal. Reservation deadline is

Sept. 17.

**Survey Project** – It is on schedule to be published the week of the Friends and 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Celebration October 16 – 20. Sean McNamara has volunteered to take a look at the survey and offer

his suggestions.

**Rain Gutter Regatta** – A total success! It was fun for all, and we would definitely do it again. Laura

read a letter of thanks from Brooke Rouse. Around 3,000 people attended the River Fest activities.

**National Friends of the Library Week and Building Centennial Celebration** – There is a large

banner to hang between front columns (designed by Mel) and two signs for each of the Washington

St. front corners of Library Park. The cost of these is \$330.50. We will host a jazz quintet from

Crane on Oct. 21 and an historical Treasures of the Library talk on Oct. 17. We will consider the

possibility of an honorarium for the jazz combo. If we can find a date we will host a local author

book signing and talk (possibly more than one author). Barbara Briggs Ward has already been

approached. Oct. 19, Wednesday evening from 4 – 7 pm would be ideal. Dorian may be able to

invite a local children's book illustrator as well. Artifacts will be placed in the display case in the

main library. Local students are being asked to submit letters telling why libraries are important to

them and the public will be asked to submit letters to the editor expressing the same. Laura moved

and Chris seconded a motion to pay for the banner and signs. Motion carried.

Funding Requests: Dorian has requested \$300 for Halloween party supplies and \$200 for craft supplies for a month. Ann moved, Chris seconded a motion to approve \$500 for Dorian's programs.

Motion carried.

Trustee Report: At the last meeting the Board received a NNCF report and will be determining how

to move forward with this. Penny mentioned it in her last regular library column. There was a discussion about requests for information from the library. Penny reported investment information for the past 10 years. The director's evaluation tool is being revamped, and Penny's most recent evaluation was shared.

T-shirt Report: River Rat Productions will be doing t-shirts for us at a cost of \$15 each for short-sleeved shirts with print on front pocket and back of the shirt. A blue shirt and designs were shared. Ideas were given as to design alterations which the committee will take into consideration. A mockup of the shirt will be made and shared when it is ready. Shirts will need to be pre-ordered. It would be great to have them for the celebration week of Oct. 16 – 20.

#### New Business:

1. October book sale – Monday and Tuesday (Oct. 17 & 18) will be moving books. Wednesday morning will be set-up, and the sale will begin Wednesday afternoon. Sign-ups for working at the sale and in the bookstore will be requested. The sale will continue on Thursday and Friday during library hours.
2. Membership drive will also be in October and changes to the membership form will be considered to allow people to indicate specific Friends activities they wish to participate in.

Calendar update – moved to next meeting.

Cheryl moved, Laura seconded to adjourn at 5:30 pm. Motion carried.