



Friends of Marcellus Free Library Meeting

Friends of the Library Community Room - May 23, 2024

President Jackie Smith called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm

Welcome: Jackie reminded everyone to sign in and record volunteer hours.

Attendance:

Present: Jackie Smith, President; Domenick Patti, Vice President; Michele Merwarth, Corresponding Secretary; Jim Shake, Treasurer; Audrey Kearney, Director; Karen Pollard, Director; Barbara Patti, Acting Recording Secretary;

Absent: Debbie Grousset, Deputy Treasurer; Diana Osborne, Recording Secretary

Total Attendance: 15

Reports:

Secretary: The April 2024 minutes were previously distributed to board members. Motion made to approve the minutes by Audrey Kearney and seconded by Michele Merwarth, voted on and passed. Minutes will be sent to the library on the FMFL page.

Treasurer: Jim presented the financial reports for April 2024 & current balance. Each director received the reports. He gave budget estimates and projected amounts for the current fiscal year. We are still running ahead on memberships and Book Nook. Expenses seem to be in line with projections. The reports will be filed as read.

Membership: Michele reported that we have 184 members.

Advocacy: Domenick talked about the search to fill board positions. Michele asked Audrey, Gloria and Dom to call the members and ask for volunteers for 4 open positions. They split the membership list in 3 sections and the slate of officers for 2024-2025 are as follows:

Barbara Patti - Recording Secretary

Anne Hatcher - Social Media Chair

Holly Gang - Hospitality Chair

Donna Merchant - Deputy Treasurer

They did not find any volunteers for the Basket Raffle Chair position,
This slate of officers will be voted on next month at our annual meeting.

Board of Trustees: Jackie reported on the following:

IPAD installed in Children's Area

Donation of 297 items to Rescue Mission

There will be chess tables installed near the outside gazebo

Memorial Bricks situation: - Jeremy unresponsive to calls; - Guy Donahoe taking over

Trustees are planning a Fundraising Gala in October

Book Nook: Dottie said that the Book Nook will be closed for 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ weeks - prior & after Book Sale.

Book Sale: Book Sale set up is on May 30. All arrangements have been coordinated by Dottie Levy.

Sunshine: Audrey sent get well cards to Holly Gang and Betsy Shake for their recent surgeries.

Facebook: Michele reported 178 followers and she posted photos of all baskets on Facebook. She talked about the Book Sale and submitted an article to the Press Observer about the sale.

Historian: No report

Business:

Funds Request: Sophia requested funds for the following: Summer Reading \$5000; Wonder Books \$1,120; 1st grade Goody Bags \$255; NY Times digital subscription: \$300. Total: \$6675. Discussion followed by motion and approval.

President's Report: (no particular order)

Book Sale/Basket Raffle - volunteers finalized, Zettle available for credit cards

Purchase of Swag, including bags and bookmarks discussed and samples have been ordered

NYLA membership \$100 yearly fee paid for Friends which includes 4 board members.

ALA membership is \$133

Domenick made a motion to have NYLA and ALA memberships as a pre-approved annual expense. Audrey seconded, Motion carried.

Various Discussions:

Basket Raffle - Book Sale, finalize plans & volunteer sign up

Request for funding to library

Discussion about moving meetings to the third Wednesday of the month

Summer Reading Program - June 26 - volunteer sign up

Year End Reports are due to Jackie by 6/24 so she can prepare for June's meeting

Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm

Next meeting: June 27, 2024 at 1 pm - Annual Meeting

Submitted by Barbara Patti