



## Friends of Marcellus Free Library Meeting

Friends of the Library Community Room - June 27, 2024

Vice President Domenick Patti called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

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

### **Attendance:**

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

**Absent:** Jackie Smith, President (delayed overseas); Debbie Grousset, Deputy Treasurer

**Total Attendance:** 14

### **Reports:**

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

**Treasurer:** Jim presented the yearly financial reports for 2023-24 & current balances. Each director received the reports. He gave budget estimates and projected amounts for the current fiscal year. Jim reported proceeds from the Book Sale and Basket Raffle, as well as that donations were above expected. 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 197 members, up 34 from last year.

### **Advocacy:**

Dom reported on the Sustainable Library Initiative. Suggestion was made to the trustees to incorporate this to our library, but they put it on hold.

Dom also stated that we're looking for middle school and high school library volunteers

**Board of Trustees:** Dom reported that he attended the May Board of Trustees meeting. However the meeting was canceled eventually because they didn't have a quorum.

As of May 2024 we have 13- $\frac{1}{2}$ % higher visits to the library

Library Summer Hours are Mon. - Thurs. 9:30 to 7; Fri. 9:30 to 5; Sat. 9:30-2:30; closed Sun.

(from 52 hrs. to 50 hrs.)

Only board members meet over the summer. There was discussion about going back to Wednesday meetings rather than Thursday.

**Book Nook:** Dottie Levy reported they had just delivered 12 boxes of books to the VA. They also donated 1-½ boxes of books to Marcellus Day Care. They had enough volunteers for the book sale; there were 20 volunteers. Both book sales are covered for fall and spring. Starting July 8 they will start receiving donations for the Oct. 12 sale

**Sunshine:** Audrey sent a sympathy card to Gloria Weeks and family.

**Facebook:** Michele reported 180 followers.

**Historian:** No report

**Business:**

Board Members reported on, and handed in year-end reports to be forwarded to Jackie. Michele collected Policy & Procedure manuals and green Board folders.

The slate of officers for the 2024-2025 year are as follows:

President: Jackie Smith                      final year  
Vice President: Domenick Patti            final year  
Treasurer: Jim Shake                      final year

Deputy Treasurer: Donna Merchant

Recording Secretary: Barbara Patti

Corresponding Secretary: Michele Merwarth

Director: Karen Pollard                      final year

Director: Audrey Kearney                      final year

Social Media Chair: Anne Hatcher

Hospitality Chair: Holly Gang

Other Leadership Positions:

Advocacy: Domenick Patti

Book Nook: Dottie Levy

Historian: Paulette Quinn

Sunshine: Audrey Kearney

Facebook: Anne Hatcher

A motion was made by Audrey Kearney, seconded by Michele Merwarth to accept the slate of officers for 2024-2025, voted on and passed.

Basket Raffle position is still not filled - discussion on

**Adjournment:** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:55

**Summer Board Meetings:** Wednesday, July 10 - 9:30 to 12:30 & Wednesday, Aug. 7 - 9:30 to 12:30

Submitted by Barbara Patti