



Friends of Marcellus Free Library Meeting October 15, 2025 – 1:00 PM – Friends Community Room

President Steve Kankus called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

Attendance:

Steve Kankus, President; Gloria Weeks, Paulette Quinn, Sunshine; Mary Dreiling, Co-Director, Wayne Blann; Co-Director, Susan Blann; Lisa Blystone, Treasurer; Michele Merwarth, Corresponding Secretary; Barb Crawford, Book Sale; Dottie Levy, Book Nook/Book Sale; Holly Gang, Sandy Mealy, Jackie Bell- Smith, Betsy Shake

Absent: Dominick Patti, Donna Merchant

Welcome & Agenda Review by Steve Kankus.

Reports:

- Michele reported 144 members. Her September Minutes were accepted. [REDACTED] moved them to be accepted. [REDACTED] seconded the motion.
- Lisa presented the September Financials. [REDACTED] made a motion to accept them. [REDACTED] seconded. Motion carried.
- Report from Steve about the Library Board Meeting. He sent out notes to Trustees to join Friends of MFL. He said no one was interested. Lisa Blystone asked one person who signed up and wrote a check.
- Michele reported on Friends of Library Week. Next week is the 20th Anniversary of National Friends of the Library. Membership forms will be available in the lobby. She spoke about the benefits of joining and renewing. A drawing will be held for \$20 worth of Book Nook coupons.
- 4 slots are available for volunteers to sit in the lobby to promote Friends of the Library membership.
- Steve talked about officer vacancy and recruitment. He said a separate meeting in between the Friends meetings could be beneficial. Discussion followed about directors meeting in the evenings, as well as social gatherings as a separate meeting. A nomination committee paper was handed out. Steve will be chair. The

following signed up: Jackie Bell-Smith, Wayne Blann, Lisa Blystone, Barb Crawford, Betsy Shake.

- Impact Report: Steve handed out 2024-2025 graphs of volunteer hours as well as Funding sources with volunteer hours. Growth in Membership Fees from 2022-2025 was presented in the graphs.
- Book Sale: A discussion followed about paypal. Steve recommended cash only.
- Michele spoke about gifts for Library Lovers. Paulette Quinn will help Michele.
- Book Sale Signs: Dottie asked that all signs go up Monday 10/20 and be taken down Monday 10/27. She urged those gathered to sign up for sign distribution.
- Meeting was adjourned at 2 PM.

Submitted by Betsy Shake