



## Friends of Marcellus Free Library Meeting – 1:00 pm

Friends of the Library Community Room – April 19, 2023

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

### **Attendance:**

Jackie Smith, President; Domenick Patti, Vice President; Jim Shake, Treasurer; Paulette Quinn, Corresponding Secretary; Michele Merwarth, Recording Secretary; Audrey Kearney, Director; Karen Pollard, Director

Absent: Debbie Grousset, Deputy Treasurer

Total membership present – 17

President Jackie Smith welcomed everyone and asked people to sign in and report any volunteer hours.

### **Reports:**

Secretary – Michele gave the report for March 22, 2023. Motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded, and carried. It will be posted on the Friends page of the library's website.

Treasurer - Jim presented the report for March 2023, and through 4/18/23 including bank statement balances. The statement will be filed as read.

Advocacy – Domenick handed out the talking points for the May 8, 2023 Public Hearing on the library tax levy included on the May 16, 2023 school budget vote. The library is seeking a 3.5% increase in funding. Domenick will attend this meeting. Others were encouraged to come and/or spread the word throughout the community. One of our group's missions is to advocate support for the library.

### **Business:**

Volunteer Sign Up - Sign up sheets were available for help needed for the Book Sale/Basket Raffle, table on Main St for Saturday Olde Home Days, and the Summer Reading Kickoff Event. The raffle baskets will be in the lobby this year during the book sale when the library is closed (Friday 5pm -7pm, Saturday 2pm – 5pm, and Sunday 1pm – 5pm).

Nominating Committee – Past President Michele Merwarth will chair this committee. One or two more members are needed to assist. Openings exist for Corresponding Secretary, Historian, Book Sale Chair and Basket Raffle Chair. Sharing of positions is permissible.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:23 pm to prepare baskets for the raffle.

Program: Preparing and filling baskets for the Olde Home Days Basket Raffle. Jackie had a sign up sheet for help sending thank you notes. Michele had thank you notes, stamped, and ready to go and had a sign out sheet for taking tickets to sell. Members worked diligently until almost 4 pm on this task. Due to the outstanding community support and those that canvassed businesses, there are 34 baskets this year.

**Next meeting – May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 1 pm – Community Room.**

**Program – Preparations for Olde Home Days**

Submitted by Michele Merwarth, Recording Secretary