

## Friends Board Meeting

July 11, 2022

Start Time: 10:05 am

Adjourned: 11:: 49 am

Attendees: Jackie Smith, President, Domenick Patti, Vice-President, Michele Merwarth, Recording Secretary, Paulette Quinn, Corresponding Secretary, Jim Shake, Treasurer, Debbie Grousset, Deputy Treasurer, Audrey Kearney, Director

Absent: Karen Pollard, Director

- Officers/Directors filled out membership forms and paid membership fees for 2022-2023.
- Minutes from June meeting accepted and will be filed as read.
- Treasurer's Annual Report read but not accepted due to error. An additional \$50 for the June Basket Raffle was given to Jim Shake for deposit.
- Michele Merwarth gave an orientation for new officers on what the Friends' is all about.
- Yearly "Conflict of Interest" document was signed by Officers/Directors.
- Michele handed out the green up-dated Board folders. Policy & Procedure Guidebook will be forthcoming.
- Remaining stamps (180) purchased in 2021 (total of 500) were handed out to Sunshine, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary.
- Friends members Donna Bome, Betsy Shake, Linda Garner, and Michele Merwarth assisted with the Summer Reading Program registration on June 27<sup>th</sup>. 93 books were given out to children.
- Memorial Bricks: A discussion took place as to what would be stated on the "Memorial Bricks" that the Friends will be purchasing from the Library's project. Inscription on the **first brick** will say – **Friends of Marcellus Free Library** and the **second brick** will say--**Serving the Library Since 1968** (Cost of each brick is \$100)
- Paulette Quinn suggested that a congratulations card be given to the winners of the weekly "Summer Reading Program" stating that SRP was sponsored by the FMFL. A membership form will be attached. She will look into the matter.
- Rosamond Gifford: A discussion took place as to whether the Friends would continue to pursue getting the Rosamond Gifford Lecture Series tickets for February Library Lovers Month. It was decided, because of low participation, not to do this this year.
- M&T Bank: It was decided that Jackie, Jim and Debbie would meet at M&T Bank to have the accounts updated with the signatures of the new officers. Jim will schedule an appointment with the Bank

- Book Sale: 2022-2023 Dates will be October 21 – October 23 and June 2 – June 4. Michele will put the dates on the calendar.
- Meetings: A discussion took place regarding day or evening meetings. It was decided that evening meetings were not as well received as had previously been thought, so we would go back to daytime at 1 pm. Desserts would be individually wrapped and we would have bottled water because of covid. It was thought that members could partake if they wanted to or not. Audrey will notify Vicki Finkle, Hospitality Chair of the particulars. Hosts for the September meeting will be Jackie Smith and Dominick Patti.
- Programs/Events: Paulette suggested that we have events specific to the library and have interactions with members. We should also have local speakers. Some suggestions are as follows: We could have a speaker on “How to use the “Libby” APP; How to use your “IPAD”; “Everyone Should Know About the 911 System”; Have a defensive driving class, sponsored by the Friends, Have speaker, Bob Baker. Newspaper Writer and speaker Tom Henry, Folk Tales of the Americas, Columnist Ann Ferro, Genealogy Basics. Tabled for August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
- Monthly Meetings: It was decided to continue with Monthly meetings and they are as follows: Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, Oct 26<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, Jan 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup>, May 24<sup>th</sup>, and, June 28<sup>th</sup>
- Paulette suggested we feature the Library Staff in our monthly “News and Notes” newsletter in some way to let them know they are appreciated, like sending birthday cards or mention their birthday in the newsletter. Board members didn’t think most people wanted their birthdays acknowledged. Nothing was decided.
- Michele tried to give a “Google Drive” presentation to show the Board where all the paperwork for the Friends is stored, but there was a problem with the set—up so it was tabled.
- Michele showed the Board a sample pen with the Friends logo that we could give to prospective members when they fill out the membership form and/or to promote the Friends. This could be used as a marketing type tool. The cost would be approximately \$1.00 per pen and comes in several colors. Paulette suggested next year for the Friends’ 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Board sounded interested. Tabled.
- Picnic: It was decided not to have the Friends’ picnic as August seems to be a busy time for everyone.

Next Board Meeting: August 2, 2022 at 10 am in Teen Room

Minutes taken by Audrey Kearney & amended by Michele Merwarth