

Friends of Marcellus Free Library, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes - December 4, 2019

Board Members Present - President Michele Merwarth, Vice President Diane Hausch, Treasurer Susan Spencer, Recording Secretary Nancy Scanlon, Director Vicki Finkle, Director Gloria Weeks

Board Member Absent - Past President Audrey Kearney

Others in Attendance- Advisory Council Members. See Attached attendance sheet. 23 members present.

President Michele Merwarth called the meeting to order at 11:37AM.

Library Director Jake Widrick gave a presentation on the proposed new extension of the upstairs lobby that will be a multi-use public space for community activities. He passed around sketches of the new area and asked the Friends for money for furniture and equipment.

At 11:52 AM President Merwarth called a break in the meeting for members to decorate the library for Christmas.

President Merwarth reconvened the meeting at 1:03PM, welcomed new members and thanked the hostesses Vanessa Belcher, Susan Spencer and the Friends for their hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

BUSINESS

Agenda - President Merwarth added a letter of correspondence and Book Nook information about opening and receiving used books again on January 5th.

The Secretary's minutes report was accepted and is in the folder on the table and on the website for members to read. The Secretary read the thank you card from Linda Greenfield.

The Treasurer 's report was given and accepted as read. The total for the Fall Book Sale is \$1,984.10. The Treasurer gave an update about buying Quicken software at a holiday rate. A motion to purchase the Quicken software was made and passed.

Fall Book Sale - Dottie Levy thanked everyone for their help at the sale.

President Merwarth reported on a Friends ornament workshop on Thursday, December 5th from 1 to 3 PM to make ornaments to sell at the Open House on December 6th. Dottie Levy, Barb Crawford, Michele Merwarth, and Paulette Quinn will put up the book tree in the lobby on December 5th.

President Merwarth reported on the library Open House on Friday, December 6th. She asked for volunteers to sell gift-giving books. Aprons for volunteers to wear are in the Book Nook. There were no volunteers.

President Merwarth reported on the November 7th Board of Trustees meeting. The budget will be voted on at tomorrow's meeting. The Trustees have increased the funding budget from Friends to \$10,000 annually instead of \$5,000 based on prior years' giving. The Annual Fund drive letters are to be mailed by Thanksgiving. All Veterans can now sign up for fine-free accounts at the library. The Annual Meeting will be on January 30th, 2020 with Mark Wildman from CLRC – Central Library Research Council. The new OCPL Executive Director will be announced soon. Nine new security cameras have been installed in the library. Census kiosks will be purchased for online community access. There was discussion about reconfiguring and adding storage space.

Michele Merwarth reported on the Corresponding Secretary position. A motion to accept the new Corresponding Secretary, Shirley Merrill, was made and passed. She will meet with Michele Merwarth to learn how to manage the membership on Google Docs.

Michele Merwarth reported on the Marcellus Cabin Fever Chili Cookoff/Fundraiser on February 8th. There was no interest in the Friends having a table at the event.

January 2, 2020 - 10:00AM - Need volunteers to un-decorate the library.

President Merwarth announced that Library Director Jake Widrick has a wish list for the proposed new community room space. There was a discussion about a Friends donation, including furniture, 70" LED display unit, and a donor plaque. This will be revisited at our next meeting in January when more information will be available.

After discussion and input from the Advisory Council, a motion for a free book from the Paulette Quinn Book Nook and one year membership for the person with the winning suggestion from the suggestion box placed in the lobby during Friends of the Library Week was made and passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hospitality - Vicki Finkle - Volunteer sheet is filled.

Membership - Michele Merwarth - There are 132 members.

Book Nook/Book Sale - Dottie Levy gave report.

Advocacy - Diane Hausch - Suggestion box.

Sunshine - Audrey Kearney (absent)

Facebook - Michele Merwarth - There are 66 members.

Historian - Anyone interested?

Policy/Procedure - Paulette Quinn – The committee will meet on December 9th and will be working on Officers' job descriptions.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:53PM.

NEXT MEETING: January 22, 2020 at 11:30AM.

Program: Reading the Shelves. Soup, dessert and beverage provided. Bring your own mug/spoon.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Scanlon

Recording Secretary