

Friends of Marcellus Free Library
Board Meeting Minutes - February 23, 2022
MFL Community Room – 7 PM

President, Michele Merwarth called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Board Members present: President, Michele Merwarth, Treasurer, Susan Spencer and Deputy Treasurer, Debbie Grousset

Past President: Audrey Kearney

Board Members Absent: Recording Secretary, Kathy Annan, Corresponding Secretary, Paulette Quinn, Director, Gloria Weeks and Director, Vicki Finkle

Total Membership Present: 10 members plus 3 guests for a total of 13

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Before the actual meeting, The Marcellus Library Director, Jacob Widrick presented a program on “Library Trivia”. Because February is “Library Lovers Month”, it was thought to be appropriate that Jake’s presentation be about Libraries.

The actual meeting was called to order by President Michele Merwarth at 7:28 PM.

REPORTS

Secretary’s Report: The January minutes could not be approved due to the fact that the Friends did not have a quorum. Tabled until next meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer’s report for January was read by Susan Spencer, accepted and will be filed as received and read.

Board of Trustees: Michele reported they have one new member and the survey for the next outdoor project has been completed.

Membership: Michele reported that we have 137 members plus 1 new member as of today. She stated that we had 139 members last year and between 150 and 159 members in previous years.

Book Nook: The Book Nook is now accepting donations but they must be in good condition.

Sunshine: Audrey Kearney advised the members that a sympathy card was sent to Director, Jake Widrick for the loss of his grandmother.

She also advised that the memorial book for Diane Lawrence called “The Disney Book” has been ordered through Jake. Jake advised that he would order the book in March. However, Michele stated that she thought it had already been ordered. The family of Diane was advised of the particulars. (A message was left)

Diane's daughter Carrie, stated that she had more Disney items to raffle off if we decided to do another Disney basket. All we have to do is call.

Facebook: Michele reported there are 113 followers on Facebook.

OLD BUSINESS

Vacancy: Michele reminded members, yet again, that the Basket Raffle Chair, Vice-President and Historian Chair positions have yet to be filled.

American Girl Program: A discussion took place regarding the American Girl Doll. Michele said that the 2022 program has not yet started so we won't know if we will qualify to even acquire a doll. We might have to purchase one if we decide to do a raffle. It was suggested we could advertise on Facebook if we raffle a doll. Because we don't have enough Directors for a quorum to vote, it was tabled until the next meeting.

Offer from a Member: Gloria Weeks brought in a box of small items that we might use for fillers if we decide to raffle a basket.

Library Lovers Month: (80) Hershey kiss roses that were made by members were a success. They were all taken. The drawing for the pair of free tickets for the Rosamond Gifford Lecture Series to see Author Fran Lebowitz on April 19, 2022 will be drawn on February 28, 2022.

File Cabinet: Michele advised that the cabinet was sold for \$40.

Document Review: Because there were not enough board members to vote, this was tabled until the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Take your Child to the Library Day: Michele reported that the Friends gave out a total of eight free books that day.

Discussion on Basket Raffle, Bird Houses and Other Raffles: A discussion took place on what should be raffled. Michele stated that she thought that we shouldn't ask businesses to donate to our raffle this year because they are still hurting from the effects from covid. Members agreed that we should come up with another solution. Debbie suggested that we ask a business if they would be willing to donate some kind of service. She also suggested that we ask someone at the Marcellus High School if they would donate a "Mustang" Hoodie that they sell. If we included the birdhouses, we should just purchase 20 to 25 and no more.

Members seemed to agree that three baskets should be enough this year. We could raffle off the American Girl Doll, a signed basketball by the Jim Boeheim family, and another Disney basket. Nothing was decided. Tabled for March.

Michele asked Karen Pollard if she knew if Olde Home Days would be taking place in June and she responded by saying she "hadn't heard they weren't".

Karen Pollard also announced that the new Town Hall would be opening on Friday, February 25th.

Michele needed someone to preside over the March meeting in her absence and Past President, Audrey Kearney volunteered.

Next Meeting: March 23, 2022 at 7 PM

Program: Romance author Jo McNally

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Kearney for Recording Secretary Kathy Annan