

May 26, 2021 Friends of the MFL Meeting Minutes

- Meeting was called to order at 1 pm. Board members present were Michele Merwarth, Richelle Jenkins, Susan Spencer, Paulette Quinn, Vicki Finkle, Audrey Kearney, and Gloria Weeks. Absent was Recording Secretary Kathy Annan. Barb Crawford agreed to take the minutes in her absence.

Advisory Council Members Present: 5

- There were no corrections or additions that needed to be made to the minutes of the April 21, 2021 meeting. A motion for the May minutes was made, seconded, and carried and will be sent to the library for posting on the website.

Reports:

- The treasurer's report was given by Susan Spencer. Report will be filed as received.
- Michele Merwarth gave an update from the MFL Board of Trustee's meeting.
 - The new room upstairs under construction is behind schedule.
 - The library is no longer quarantining books.
 - A construction grant will allow the lights in the library to be switched to new LED lighting.
 - An MOU is being drafted between the MFL and Onondaga County Public Library.
- Membership (P. Quinn): There is 1 new member. Total membership is 135.
- Book Nook/Book Sales (Dottie Levy): Donations are still not being accepted. Some of the shelves have been rearranged. Paulette trained Linda Garner on the computer software program used to sell books to book vendors. Dottie says that plans are going well for the upcoming book sale on June 19th.
- Sunshine (Audrey Kearney): Card has been sent to Joyce McNally who has had a stroke. A member announced at the meeting that Darlene Garner is currently in the hospital and it was requested that correspondence be sent to Linda Garner's address (daughter-in-law).
- Policy and Procedure Committee (Paulette Quinn): See attached report. A draft of the Policy and Procedures Guide which was created to facilitate the transition for any newly elected Directors to be able to knowledgeably continue to carry out the duties of their positions, is ready for distribution. Michele Merwarth will send Board members a digital copy of the proposed draft to review before the next meeting. The committee hopes to have it approved for use on a trial basis for next year at the June 2021 Annual Meeting. The Directors will receive the draft document and Committee Chairs will receive a copy of relevant information. Any necessary revisions can then be made and the document adopted at the June 2022 Annual Meeting.

Business:

- Nominating Committee (Audrey Kearney): See attached report. The committee is having difficulty in finding members to fill some upcoming vacancies on the FOL board. The sharing of a board position

(specifically treasurer) was discussed. Vicki Finkle will contact some members who might be interested in sharing a position. Tabled for next meeting. Katie Petrak volunteered to fill the Vice President vacancy.

- Vicki Finkle's term as one of the FOL directors ends this 2020-2021 fiscal year. A motion was made by Paulette Quinn to extend Vicki's term for another year, seconded by Susan Spencer. Motion passed.
- Birds of a Feather Raffle going well. Raffle drawing will be held on Friday, May 28th @ 4pm. Audrey and Susan volunteered to help Michele.
- Outdoor summer book sale to be held on June 19th 10 am-4 pm. The last hour of 3-4 pm will be a \$5 bag sale. Bags are being donated by Nojaims. Rain date is June 26th. It was suggested that FOL members be given a coupon for the \$5 bag sale. Motion passed.
- Cheryl Ferris will be leaving; her last day in the library will be Thursday, May 27 and the staff is having cake for her. Sharon Dudley and Audrey Kearney will attend to represent the Friends. Following discussion, Richelle made a motion for The Friends to give Cheryl a \$30 gift certificate from Nightingale's, Gloria Weeks seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Book Buyer(s): Are the Friends interested in having book buyers look over our used books, buy them from us, and then give The Friends a commission of the sales from those books? Two buyers contacted Michele - Brandon Beebe and Nate de Vita. Tabled for a later meeting.
- Request from Jake for \$5,000 for: Summer reading program (\$2800), Awesome Art (\$1000) and Tuesday night Summer Concert Series (\$1200). A motion was made to give the MFL \$5000 by Paulette Quinn, seconded by Richelle Jenkins. Motion passed.
- NYLA "Friends News and Notes" are available on-line or you can sign out a hard copy from Michele Merwarth. The FOL NYLA renewal notice came; cost is \$50 for 1 year. A motion was made by Paulette Quinn to renew our NYLA membership, seconded by Susan Spencer. Motion passed.
- FOL picnic is slated for Wednesday, August 25th, 2021.
- Planning Sessions for board members are July 7th and August 4th, 2021 @ 10 am.
- Next Meeting is June 23rd 2021, at 1pm. It is The Friends Annual Meeting and the Election of Officers. Directors will need to bring their written year-end reports and flash drives. Dessert will be provided if it is served by 1 or 2 people wearing gloves. Bring your own beverage.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Barb Crawford, FOL member