



Friends of Marcellus Free Library Meeting - 1 PM

Friends of the Library Community Room - January 25, 2024

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

Welcome:

Jackie reminded everyone to sign in & record their volunteer hours.

Attendance:

Present: Jackie Smith, President; Michele Merwarth, Corresponding Secretary; Jim Shake, Treasurer; Audrey Kearney, Director; Karen Pollard, Director

Absent: Domenick Patti, Vice President; Diana Osborne, Recording Secretary; Debbie Grousset, Deputy Treasurer

Total Attendance: 14

Reports:

Secretary: The November 2023 minutes were previously distributed to board members. Motion was made by Karen Pollard, seconded by Audrey Kearney to approve the minutes, voted and passed. Minutes will be sent to the library for posting on the FMFL page.

Treasurer: Jim Shake presented the financial reports for November, December & current balances through 1/25 and gave budget estimates for actual and projected amounts for the current and last fiscal year. Each director received the statements. The reports will be filed as read. Jim will add categories to the proposed budget estimates to provide further useful information.

Membership: Michele Merwarth reported that current membership stands at 177 members, with 2 new members since our last report.

Advocacy: No report from Domenick Patti in his absence.

Board of Trustees: Jackie sent the Director's Report to the board members. The 75" TV, purchased with Friends' funding has been installed in the Game Room (formerly called the Teen Room) in time for the well-attended December Open House. Knitting with a Cause was a successful outreach for the community. The Annual Meeting will be this evening, and all are welcome to attend.

Book Nook: With Dottie Levy & Linda Garner out of town, Barb Crawford reported that she (and some helpers) are handling book donations and lobby displays. Deb Fratter continues to assist with the children's books. Michele will send Barb an updated list of Friends volunteers.

Sunshine: Audrey Kearney reported that no cards have been sent since our last meeting.

FaceBook: In the absence of Mary Ellen Popyk, Michele reported that we continue to have 167 followers. Jackie will reach out to Mary Ellen to see if she wishes to continue in her position. Michele will post information regarding Library Advocacy Day, Library Lovers Month, and upcoming meetings.

Historian: No report from Paulette Quinn

Business:

2022-2023 Financial Review: Jackie will review the completed 2022-2023 financial review and report findings and any possible action items to the board members at February's meeting.

Basket Raffle: Debbie Grousset will begin to reach out to larger corporations for donation support for our June Raffle. Michele will send Jackie Friends information that was previously sent to LegoLand.

Library Lovers Month: Michele suggested rescheduling Ann Ferro (from Friends October meeting) to February 10th for Library Lovers Month. Jackie will call Ann & promote in the February library newsletter. Michele requested funding up to \$25 to purchase candy and a small "container" to put them in to promote Friends of Marcellus Free Library and Library Lovers Month. Motion was made by Jackie, seconded by Audrey, voted on, and passed. These will be distributed to patrons at Ann's event and at the circulation desk during the month.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 pm for the scheduled activity.

Activity:

Library Work Day - Members who wished to help the library went downstairs to assist with decorations & cleaning books.

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, February 10 - Speaker for Library Lovers Month- Ann Ferro. Jackie will call to confirm date and time.
- Thursday, February 22 - 1 pm - Friends meeting - Speaker - John Curtin - The History of Marcellus Free Library

Submitted by Michele Merwarth, in Diana Osborne's absence