

Friends of Marcellus Free Library, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes - January 22, 2020

Board Members Present: President Michele Merwarth, Treasurer Susan Spencer, Recording Secretary Nancy Scanlon, Corresponding Secretary Shirley Merrill, Director Vicki Finkle, Director Gloria Weeks, Past President Audrey Kearney.

Board Members Absent: None.

Others in Attendance: Advisory Council Members. See attached attendance sheet. 20 members present.

President Merwarth called the meeting to order at 11:34AM.

Library Director Jake Widrick asked for a delay in the funds from the Friends donation for the proposed new community room space. The Library Board of Trustees agreed to the new construction. The decision to start construction this spring or next will be made in 2 or 3 weeks. Jake had a new request for \$3500.00 to buy a new laptop for the Friends, an iPad for the staff and \$1500.00 for a fax machine that is compatible with new technology.

Program: Reading the shelves.

Lunch:

President Merwarth thanked hostesses Martha Lollis, Richelle Jenkins, Gail Cerio, Linda Garner, Barb Crawford, Michele Merwarth.

Business:

There were no additions to the agenda.

The Secretary's 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 Calista Batcherie.

The Treasurer's report was given and accepted as read.

The Marcellus Free Library Board of Trustees invited members to the Annual Meeting on January 30th at 6:00PM. Mark Wildman will be speaking about Bringing People Together at the Library. Jake Widrick will report on the library building extension. Notices about the 2020 meeting schedule for the Board of Trustees are on the back table.

Michele Merwarth reported on the Vice President vacancy. There will be a team approach to help the new VP.

President Merwarth asked about recognizing Marie Nolan, a long time member who passed away, with a book donation. Barb Crawford will check with the library.

Dottie Levy reported on the Gift Giving book sale.

President Merwarth reported on Library Lovers Month in February. The free raffle will be for 2 tickets to the Rosamond Gifford Lecture Series with author Paula McLain on April 14th.

A list was sent around for volunteer sign up to make book page roses in a workshop on Thursday, January 30th from 1 - 3PM. Examples of the roses were shown to members. These will be sold in the lobby during Library Lovers Month.

President Merwarth reported on the money request from Jake Widrick. A motion for \$3500.00 for a laptop, iPad and fax machine was made and carried. Funding the furnishings for the new community room was postponed.

Motion for a \$100.00 donation for advertising placemats for Olde Home Days was made and carried.

A motion was made and carried for \$50.00 to reserve a pavilion for the Friends picnic on August 26th at Marcellus Park at the Grove pavilion in the lower level.

A discussion about canvas bags to sell was brought up and tabled.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality - Vicki Finkle

Membership - Shirley Merrill said there were 11 renewals and 2 new members since the last meeting. She has copies of membership and volunteer lists available. Shirley will put together a plan regarding membership opportunities in the community. Total membership is 151.

Book Nook/Book Sale - Dottie Levy reported on rotating the supply of books in the Book Nook and book donations for the Olde Home Days Book Sale.

Advocacy - Michele Merwarth reported about Advocacy Day in Albany on 2/25/20 and provided an advocacy handout.

Sunshine - Audrey Kearney passed cards for Marie Nolan and Dorothy Snell for members to sign.

Facebook - President Merwarth urged members to join the Friends Facebook page. Current followers are 68.

Historian - President Merwarth asked for volunteers and help from interested members. Sharon Dudley has newer information about the Friends.

Policy/Procedure - Paulette Quinn reported on the January 13th meeting to work on procedures and job descriptions. The next meeting will be February 3rd at 10:00AM.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:58PM.

Next Meeting: February 26, 2020 at 11:30AM. Bag lunch. Bring your own tableware.

Program: Library Lovers Love Chocolate - A Decade of Chocolate - Ryan Novak - Chocolate Pizza Company

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Scanlon

Recording Secretary