



Friends of Marcellus Free Library Meeting – 1:00 pm

Friends of the Library Community Room – May 24, 2023

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

Attendance:

Jackie Smith, President; Domenick Patti, Vice President; Jim Shake, Treasurer; Paulette Quinn, Corresponding Secretary; Michele Merwarth, Recording Secretary; Audrey Kearney, Director; Karen Pollard, Director

Absent: Debbie Grousset, Deputy Treasurer

Total membership present – 14

President Jackie Smith welcomed everyone and asked people to sign in and report any volunteer hours.

Reports:

Secretary – Michele gave the report for April 19, 2023. Motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded, and carried. It will be posted on the Friends page of the library's website.

Treasurer - Jim presented the report for April 2023, and through 5/23/23 including bank statement balances. The statement will be filed as read.

Membership – Paulette reported we have one new member for a current total of 154 members.

Board of Trustees – Jackie updated us on the last Board of Trustees meeting. There is one new trustee – Jeremy Pellizzari. The newly created Strategic Plan will be going to the Board and Sophia for approval by Fall. The Board talked about two upcoming events – Riseform Charity event on 5/27 and the Amphitheater Reveal on 6/10. Next meeting is 6/8.

Book Nook/Sale – Book Nook is currently closed in preparation for the book sale. Dottie passed around sign-up sheets for book sale workers. She asked people to take & post book sale flyers and to sign up to place yard sale signs throughout the community. After the meeting, she invited people to help alphabetize paperback books. Tomorrow at 9:30, help is needed to alphabetize hardcover books.

Sunshine – Audrey sent a baby card to Sophia Brandt. She will send a sympathy card to Dorothy Snell, whose brother passed away.

Facebook – Michele reported that there are 156 followers. She posted pictures of all the raffle baskets this month.

Advocacy – Domenick reported on attending the Marcellus School meeting for the Budget vote on May 8th. The Library Proposition requested an increase of \$19,053 for the library – approximately \$1.95 per \$100,000 assessed property value. The proposition passed with 394 yes votes and 169 no votes. Domenick was impressed with the meeting professionalism, high school students in attendance, and students demonstrating their robotics creations.

Business:

Request for Funding – The library requests \$2,350: \$1,500 for the Teen Room TV and accessories, \$500 for the Teen Room Nintendo Switch Console and accessories, and \$350 for Barefoot Bob's Astronomy Program for all ages. A motion to provide this funding was made, seconded, and passed.

Policy and Procedures update – Jackie updated the Friends' policy for Expenditures and Reimbursements, including more descriptive guidelines from United for Libraries. A motion to approve the changes was made, seconded, and passed. Jackie will make copies for the Board to add to their Guidebook. Jackie is also working on refining the guidelines for claiming volunteer hours.

Nominating Committee – Michele updated the slate of officers for 2023-2024 - so far: President – Jackie Smith, Vice President – Domenick Patti, Treasurer – Jim Shake, Deputy Treasurer – Debbie Grousset, Corresponding Secretary – **open**, Recording Secretary – Michele Merwarth, Director – Audrey Kearney, Director – Karen Pollard. Committee Chairs: Advocacy – Domenick Patti, Basket Raffle – **open**, Book Nook – Dottie Levy, Book Sales- Deb Fratter, Barb Crawford & Linda Garner, FaceBook – Michele Merwarth, Historian – **open**, Sunshine – Audrey Kearney

Olde Home Days Preparation – Deb Fratter will handle setting up and running the Olde Home Days Main Street table to display some raffle baskets & sell tickets. Domenick will make copies of membership brochures and bring the display holder for the table. Michele will bring a basket of children's books to give away to children.

Because of our non-profit status, the Friends were able to attain three Zettle readers, having only to purchase a dock station. Jim and Jackie are working on getting the program set up to use at our book sale. The library will designate one of their tablets to use with the Zettle reader for the sale. As the fee for Zettle use will be 1.99% + 50 cents of the transaction total, the Friends decided that there will be a \$10 minimum to use the Zettle. Jackie will instruct book sale staff on its usage at the sale.

Volunteers were finalized for book sale staffing and for volunteers needed for the basket raffle in the lobby when the library is closed.

Summer Reading Program – The Friends will help with the registration on June 26th. Michele will once again bring children's books to distribute to the children. Volunteers were finalized.

Next meeting - June 28th @ 1 pm in the Friends Community Room – Annual Meeting. Year End Reports will be submitted by Board Directors & Committee Chairs.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Submitted by Michele Merwarth, Recording Secretary