

Friends of Marcellus Free Library, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes - October 23, 2019 - 5:30 PM

Board Members Present : President Michele Merwarth, Vice President Diane Hausch, Treasurer Susan Spencer, Recording Secretary Nancy Scanlon, Director Vicki Finkle, Past President Audrey Kearney.

Board Member Absent : Gloria Weeks.

Corresponding Secretary Cynthia Olmstead resigned position 10/14/2019.

Others in Attendance: Advisory Council Members. See attached attendance sheet. 23 members present.

INTRODUCTION

President Merwarth called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Motion to approve the agenda made and carried.

President Merwarth thanked today's hostesses, Peg Bouck, Nancy Thorpe, Dorothy Snell and Dottie Levy.

Minutes from September meeting, handouts, information on Amazon purchases are on the back table.

BUSINESS

Addition to minutes - Board vacancy and Quicken software.

Secretary's report approved as read. Report is on the website.

Letter read from library staff thanking the Friends of the Library and Marcellus Parks and Rec for their support of the Summer Reading Program.

Susan Spencer gave the Treasurer's report. The report stands as read.

Michele Merwarth gave the Board of Trustees report. The Board continues work on their annual fund-raising drive and updating the by-laws. First draft of the budget was presented.

Michele Merwarth reported on the NYLA Conference 11/13 - 11/16 in Saratoga Springs.

Special Friend of the Library Volunteer of the year certificate and \$50.00 award was presented to Linda Greenfield.

Michele Merwarth reported on the Newsletter distribution.

Dottie Levy passed the Book Sale sign up sheet.

NEW BUSINESS

Corresponding Secretary position. Need help with the position, someone with computer skills.

Quicken database - purchase with yearly updates of \$90.00 per year. Research further info re: Quicken, through United for Libraries.

Flash drives were purchased for Friends officers.

Laptop purchase for Friends use - check with Library Director Jake Widrick.

COMMITTEES

Hospitality - Vicki Finkle passed the sign up sheet for volunteers.

Membership - 108 members.

Book Nook - Book Sale - Dottie Levy updated and passed sign up sheet for volunteers.

Books for gift giving sale will be coming up.

The Book Nook is closed until later in November. Book donations resume on January 5th.

Advocacy - Diane Hausch reported on suggestion box re: programs, speakers. The table in library lobby received 3 new members. Diane reported that November 20-26 is National Friends of the Library Week.

Sunshine - Audrey Kearney reported.

Facebook - Michele Merwarth said there are now 61 Facebook followers.

Historian - information about Friends of the Library. Need someone to volunteer.

Policy/Procedure - asking for volunteers interested in meeting to discuss job descriptions, etc. Paulette Quinn and Board members agreed to meet.

The business meeting was adjourned at 6:16PM.

PROGRAM: Library Trivia with Jake Widrick

NEXT MEETING: December 4, 2019 @ 11:30AM - Please note date and time.

Program: Deck the Library for the Holidays

Bring Hors d'oeuvres (M-Z) or dessert (A-L)

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Scanlon

Recording Secretary