

Friends of the Marcellus Free Library, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes - September 18, 2019

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

Board Member Absent: Corresponding Secretary Cynthia Olmstead.

Others in Attendance: Advisory council members. See attached attendance sheet. 19 members present.

INTRODUCTION

- President Merwarth called the meeting to order at 11:38 AM.
- Motion to approve agenda made and carried.
- Welcome back. Introduction of Board, Directors and Advisory council members present.
- President Merwarth thanked today's hostesses, Diane Hausch and Vicki Finkle.
- Handouts on table included volunteer hours sheet, sign in sheet, name tags, Friends schedule of events for year with changes, and membership brochures.
- Schedule of events for the year and the changes made:
- October 23rd meeting - 5:30PM Program Library Trivia with Jake Widrick. Time change noted.
- October - Fall Book Sale. October 25, 26, and 27 with Bag sale to follow October 28 - November 4.
- December 4th - 11:30AM Decorate the Library. Change of date noted.
- January 22nd - 11:30AM - Reading the Shelves.
- February 26th -11:30AM - A Decade of Chocolate - Ryan Novak, Chocolate Pizza Co.
- March 25th - 11:30AM - Dreams and Dream Practices - MB Bronk
- April 15th 11:30AM - Basket Assembly.
- May 27th - 5:30PM Olde Home Days. Time change noted.
- June 5th, 6th, and 7th - Olde Home Days Book Sale and Basket Raffle.
- June 24th - 11:30AM - Year in review and elections.

- August 26th - Friends of Marcellus Free Library Picnic TBD. New event noted.
- Library Director Jake Widrick rededicated the library Book Nook, to be named the Paulette Quinn Book Nook. A plaque is to be installed following today's meeting.
- The Secretary's report from June, July and August are available in a folder at the front table if anyone would like to read them. Minutes are also available on the Friends page of the library website. The minutes in the reports stand as read.

## BUSINESS

- The Treasurer's report was given and stands as read.
- Board of Trustees - Diane and Michele attended the meeting. Membership forms and programs were passed out. Their meetings are open to everyone. There are some meeting schedules on the back table. Jake talked about the OPL cyberattack library issues, as well as preparing a BLD grant for IT work, security cameras, and soffit repair. The board talked about their steps for their annual fund drive and budget prep.
- President Merwarth read a letter from the US Department of Veterans Affairs thanking the Friends of the Library for our donation of books after the Olde Home Days Book Sale.
- NYLA pre-conference- Wednesday 11/13 in Saratoga Springs- Achieving Success for Friends through Strategic Planning.
- NYLA conference-Friday 11/15 in Saratoga Springs, \$35.00 if paid by 9/30.
- NYLA Webinar 9/25 from 2:00PM to 3:00PM- Connecting with Today's Volunteers to Transform the Friends of the Library.
- NYLA Workshop -Tuesday 10/15 in Watertown - Getting Started: Creating and Supporting a Friends Group for your Library.
- Special Friend to the Library Award. Motion made and carried for a certificate and \$50.00 cash award to the recipient.
- Newsletter distribution and sign up sheet was passed around for volunteers to sign. Need a volunteer to oversee.
- FOL week 10/20 to 10/26th - discussion with Advisory Council regarding any ideas, suggestion box, pumpkins, Book Nook coupons, membership table on 10/20 in the lobby.
- Fundraiser suggestions - Chocolate Pizza, Buffalo Wild Wings, Cam's Pizza, Thanksgiving bake sale, (check with insurance).

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Hospitality - Vicki passed around sign up sheet for volunteers.
- Membership - as of 9/17, 51 renewals, 4 new memberships.
- Facebook - 60 followers - goal of 100 this year.
- Book Nook/Book Sale - October 5th is the last day to donate books. Sale dates - Friday 10/25 - 4 PM to 7 PM , (early entry \$5, free for Friends. May join at door). Saturday 10/26 - 10AM - 5PM, Sunday 10/27 - 1PM - 5PM. Bag Sale- \$3 bag - Monday Noon 10/28 to Monday 11/4. Looking for men to move books. Dottie has signs to be put out. Email from Cynthia to be sent to members to put out signs. A sign up sheet for the sale was passed around.
- Advocacy - 10/20 - Table for signing up new members in lobby. Watertown meeting 10/15 10-2 - Creating and Supporting a Friends group – North County Library System.
- Sunshine - Contact Audrey.
- Historian - Need volunteer - Scrapbook, record of documents, keep all in one place.

Next Meeting

**October 23rd 5:30 PM Hors d'oeuvres and beverage**

Library Trivia with Jake Widrick MFL Director

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Scanlon