

Friends of Marcellus Free Library, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes – September 23, 2020

1:00 pm Outside – MFL

Board Members Present: President Michele Merwarth, Vice President Richelle Jenkins, Treasurer Susan Spencer, Recording Secretary Kathy Annan, Corresponding Secretary Paulette Quinn, Director Gloria Weeks, Past President Audrey Kearney. 16 members present.

Board Members Absent: Director Vicki Finkle

Total Membership Present: 16

President Merwarth called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM.

President Merwarth welcomed and thanked members for renewing their memberships.

List of "things to do" from this meeting. Gloria volunteered to do for this meeting.

For the program – Looking Back, Looking Ahead, President Merwarth asked for reflections on the past year and mentioned some positive aspects related to the last fiscal year as well as the upcoming year.

Secretary's Report – minutes are now available online @ <https://www.marcelluslibrary.org/support/friends-of-marcellus-free-library/>  
Kathy read a letter of correspondence.

A motion for the Secretary's August minutes was made and carried and will be sent to the Library for posting on the website.

Treasurer's report for August, including account balances for today, was read by Susan and will be filed as read.

Hospitality – committee will personally call/and or email to invite new members to participate and ask if they have any questions about the Friends; due to Covid restrictions, no food will be available at meetings this year and meeting time moved to 1:00 pm.

Membership – Michele reported membership is currently at 85 members. Because of Covid, Paulette had not received membership forms prior to this meeting.

Book Nook/Book Sale – Dottie reported books are ready for a sale. The Book Nook is open but has not generated much interest yet.

Advocacy – Richelle reported on National Friends of Library week October 18 – 24. She has a proclamation that she hopes to get signed by the mayor and display in the lobby along with

copies for community members to pick up. When the library once again publishes their monthly newsletter, Richelle will have sign up sheets for distribution within the community.

Sunshine – Audrey sent a card to Richelle and her mother as Richelle's grandfather was hospitalized and is now in rehab. A get-well card will be sent to a member who recently had hip surgery.

President Merwarth reported we have 82 followers on Facebook with a goal of 100 for this year.

Paulette reported that Policy/Procedure draft hopes to be available at October meeting.

President Merwarth reported that the 2019-2020 financial review report is complete. Two items reported were having cancelled checks for \$2,500 or more made available to check for 2 signatures, and to align the treasurer reports to the fiscal year – July 1 – June 30 (and not meeting dates).

President Merwarth read the speakers available for the Rosamond Gifford Lecture Series. Tara Westover was chosen as the author – (May 18, 2021). The plan is to have 2 free tickets available for a raffle in February during Friends of the Library Month to attend her lecture. Michele will request the tickets.

Susan reported on the doll house donation. There is still lighting work to be done to get it ready for sale. It will be posted on Marketplace or eBay when completed. Suggestions were made to put it on display in the library – this may be considered in the future.

President Merwarth reported on the Special Friend of the Library Award and asked for volunteers to be on a selection committee. Members will include Michele, Gloria, and Paulette.

President Merwarth reported that the speaker for the October meeting has been moved to February. It was suggested to ask Jake to discuss the library during the Covid restrictions from Jake's point of view. Time will be moved to 1:00 pm on October 28. October's meeting will probably be via Zoom and Jake will be needed to set up.

Dottie reported that the traditional October book sale is canceled. Books will be available for sale in the lobby starting October 1<sup>st</sup> with a lock box to accept payment. It was discussed, that besides individual books for sale, to put together and sell bags of books by genre for \$5.00.

Richelle reported on PayPal. Using this will require the Friends to own a reader. Gloria reported that a reader would cost about \$60. We will revisit this in the future.

President Merwarth reported that virtual conferences through ALA are available for interested members to attend.

Paulette proposed working with another community organization to donate some of our overload of books. Unfortunately, Covid restrictions are putting this idea on hold for the time being.

Next meeting – October 28, 2020 at 1:00 pm.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Annan

Recording Secretary