

Meeting of the Friends of the Florida Public Library

Minutes of October 13, 2015

Meeting called to order by President Melissa Newell @ 6:30 PM

Members Present: Madelyn Folino, Anita Baumann, Dorothy Kimiecik, Mary McNally, Lourdes McLeod, Christine Lupinski, Caroline Califf, Barbara Draimin, Nancy Scott, Shirley Coughlin, Melissa Newell, Annette Shaughnessy, Martha Sullivan, Mary Fish

Officer Reports:

A motion to accept the minutes of September 14, 2015 was made by Caroline Califf and seconded by Christine Lupinski with spelling corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Shirley Coughlin

Opening Balance: \$3713.95

Total expenses: \$0

Total Deposits: \$20

Ending Balance: \$3733.95

Director's Report: Madelyn Folino

Fall programs wrapping up.

There will be 2 drawings on Halloween - an oil painting and a sculpture by Judy Duboff.

Coupons for the Copper Bottom Restaurant are available. Anyone eating there with a coupon during October; the restaurant will donate 10% of the bill to the library.

A mini mystery book sale will be held on 10/23 and 10/24.

Little Free Library - Boxes will be put around the community to "take a book, leave a book". Roe Brothers has been approached about putting one on their porch.

Warwick is holding a focus group on 10/29 to discuss the Commonplace website.

Friends of Public Libraries week is 10/18 - 10/24.

The 16th annual telebration will be held on 11/21 at 2:00. Karen Pillsworth and Jim Hawkins will speak with a pot luck supper to follow.

Vice President's Report: Caroline Califf

The bake sale went well.

Trustee Report: Nancy Scott

The Library Board is forming a committee to work on a 5 year space plan with trustee members, a representative from the Friends and library staff. Caroline Califf expressed interest and was appointed.

President's Report: Melissa Newell

Discussed by-laws. Madelyn Folino explained what the library expects:

- * Support library through advocacy - act as spokespeople in the community and recruit members.
- * Attend events sponsored by the library system.
- * Fundraise
- * Should be a 501 C3 - need written procedures regarding money handling, publish membership goals, and a written Memo of Understanding spelling out Friends' responsibility to the library and the library's responsibility to the Friends.

Discussed current by-laws:

Friends would:

- *Advocate for the library, build awareness, and provide community outreach on behalf of the library.
- *Raise funds to enhance the library and supplement library services, programs, and facilities.
- *Educate multiple prospective funding sources. Educate the community about the library and funding needs.
- *Promote the use of the library, its resources and intellectual freedom.
- *Provide volunteer opportunities for people of all ages.
- *Seek out and encourage gifts, endowments and bequests to the library.

Goal is to have new by-laws by 1/1/16.

Book Sale Report:

Books - \$776.75
Membership - \$320.00
Bake sale - \$107.80

Total - \$1,204.55

Expenses:

Postage - \$52.50
Pizza - \$75.00
Soda - \$10.00

Total \$137.50

Madelyn Folino made a motion to reimburse Nancy Scott, seconded by Mary Fish.

There are 29 paid members. Need to send letters to members not paid. Will put a membership application in the FOCUS newspaper. Also suggest giving Friends' membership for the holidays.

Next meeting: Brain storm meeting for improving membership on 11/9/15 at 7:00 PM. Bring a non member.

A motion was made by Anita Baumann, seconded by Barbara Draimin to adjourn @ 7:41 and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Fish, secretary