

Meeting of the Friends of the Florida Public Library Minutes of December 14, 2015

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

Members Present: Madelyn Folino, Anita Baumann, Dorothy Kimiecik, Mary McNally, Lourdes McLeod,
Beth Pskowski

Officer Reports:

Minutes of last meeting were emailed. Melissa stated it was a productive meeting and asked if there were any changes or questions

There was a question on the Copper Bottom fundraiser. Madelyn reported that Marco stated there was \$900+ sold and he gave the library a check for \$150 and 4 \$25 gift certificates. He also suggested that the fundraiser be continued indefinitely.

Caroline made a motion to accept the minutes as printed and seconded by Madelyn Folino. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Shirley Coughlin

Ending Balance: \$5038.19

Caroline made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and seconded by Martha Sullivan.

Director's Report: Madelyn Folino

Europe programs are winding down and the next programs for February and March will be on Africa.

The tellebration went well with 28 people attending and 24 stayed for the pot luck supper. There were some new story tellers.

There is a lack of attendance of the 18-35 months with it down to 1.

The paperback book sale in the library last week netted \$70.25. There will be a sale in January for self-help books.

The library will be closed this Friday 12/18 for the staff holiday lunch and in-service day with training on the new cash register. They will also watch a webinar from the ALA on a door-to-door campaign. This is to raise visibility of the library in the community and is modeled on political campaigns. It is done in a targeted way using friends, staff and board members.

United for Libraries has a sample memo on agreement between libraries and friends, a sample conflict of interest which is needed for a 501C3.

The library applied for a grant for the poetry café on 2/19/15, Madelyn is requesting \$200 for Robert Milby and \$50 for refreshments.

Vice President's Report: Caroline Califf

Commented on the understanding between the Library and the Friends group. She stated there will no longer be a conflict of interest between her and Walden Saving Bank as she in no longer employed there.

President's Report: Melissa Newell

She is glad that the likes on the Friends Facebook page are increasing, Discussed letters to the friends members who's the membership expired 9/30/15. Melissa will redo letter. Discussed ways to get more members since different things have been tried with not much success. Caroline suggested a school announcement indicating the FFPL is the PTA of the library. Madelyn stated the best method is personal invitation.

Trustee Report: Nancy Scott

The board is starting work on the next year's budget.

Madelyn reported that the library vote will be Thursday 4/7/16. Madelyn is working with the staff to make some small changes suggested by the space committee. The board met with representatives of RCLS to discuss expanding the library. Beth stated that the space committee is on hold until the board decides which direction it wants to go.

Old Business:

A new purpose for the friend's bylaws was distributed and reviewed.

Changes suggested –

‘Bequests of’ to ‘bequests for’

Place semi-colons at the end of the bullets

Last bullet was re-worked

Melissa will revise and present at the next meeting for a vote.

Melissa sent an email on the November brainstorming session. She received comments from members that do not attend meetings.

Discussed Spring Tea –

The board has requested the friends take over the running of the tea. Discussed different options and volunteers were requested but no one volunteered. It has previously been held the first Saturday in May. Beth will give the friends the information she had gathered as head of the board committee. Neither Melissa nor Beth will be there the first weekend in May. We will discuss at the next meeting in February.

Also discussed list of ideas for fundraisers, One suggestion was to have a bag sale on Friday night of the book sale with controlling the size of the bag.

New Business:

501C3 Status –

Melissa reported that we are not incorporated and we will be starting the process anew. We will need a 3 year business plan and budget. The filing fee is \$1800. There are pro bono lawyers that will be able to assist. Melissa asked for a volunteer to take this over as she does not have time. They will be working with Madelyn who will do much of the necessary writing. The process could take up to a year and the volunteer will need to gather information and speak to the lawyers. Anita will assist with Martha.

Melissa stated that there will be no book sale in January due to the lack of donation. Discussed a date for a spring book sale with a possible date of April 15-17.

Next meeting is on February 8, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

A motion was made by Anita Baumann, seconded by Caroline Califf to adjourn @ 7:35 and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Scott, secretary pro-tem