

**Meeting of the Friends of the Florida Public Library  
Minutes of February 8, 2016**

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

Members Present: Madelyn Folino, Anita Baumann, Christine Lupinski, Caroline Califf, Nancy Scott, Bob Scott, Shirley Coughlin, Melissa Newell, Teri Gott, Diane Arceri, Martha Sullivan, Mary Fish

Officer Reports:

Madelyn clarified if Poetry Cafe funds were approved. Anita made a motion to approve the minutes as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Shirley Coughlin

Opening Balance: \$5,038.19

Total expenses: \$50

Total Deposits: \$50

Ending Balance: \$5,038.19

Anita made a motion to accept and Teri seconded.

Director's Report: Madelyn Folino

Flyers for NYLA advocacy day were distributed. Anyone can go at \$9.00 per person. Would like some children to attend - library can pay. Why libraries need funding and why they should be the same as school funding will be discussed. Sarah from library staff will attend.

Mini book sale from last month netted \$73.50. Romance books will be sold in February.

Library is asking for funding for a basket for the front desk.

Coupons for the Copper Bottom Restaurant are available. Anyone eating there with a coupon the restaurant will donate 10% of the bill to the library. This is now a permanent fund raiser.

Redesign of website has been completed.

Budget vote is 417 - want Friends to put up signs. Also, information will be put on Mom's Group.

Vice President's Report: Caroline Califf

nothing to report

Trustee Report: Diane Arceri / Nancy Scott

They are getting ready for the 4/7 vote. Discussed the need for more fundraising as one of their goals.

President's Report: Melissa Newell  
There are 2 openings for trustees.

Spring tea will be on 6/4 from 1 - 2:30 - \$20.00 per person. Madelyn stated it has been a successful event and would like the Friends to take it over eventually. Beth and Madelyn compiled a list of things to be done, including:

Change menu and recipes for sandwiches.  
Solicit merchants for donations.

Entertainment will be Alex Sarki to give a presentation about tea and bring Turkish delicacies. Male trustees will be asked to set up/breakdown tables etc.

Looking for volunteers in kitchen and to serve and wash dishes. Let Madelyn know if you can help. Last year library made \$800.

Membership renewal letter - will send out.

Article 2, Sect.1 of the by-laws have been changed and reviewed. Martha made a motion to approve and seconded by Christine. Changes approved.

The next book sale is 4/15 - 4/17. The Boy Scouts can help on Thursday but not on Sunday. Discussion took place about providing food to the scouts. Looking for volunteers for Sunday. Also will include a bake sale.

Chamber meeting 3/1 - Melissa will go with Sarah. Question as to whether Friends can be a member - Caroline will research the by-laws to determine if membership is allowed. Dues are \$35 per year.

Membership update - no new members.

Election signs - Nancy and Bob have some, Martha will research getting new ones.

Next meeting: March 14,2016 at 6:30 PM

A motion was made by Shirley Coughlin, seconded by Teri Gott to adjourn @ 7:30 and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Fish, secretary