

Meeting of the Friends of the Florida Public Library
Minutes of November 14, 2016

Meeting called to order by President Caroline Califf @ 6:30PM

Members Present: Caroline Califf, Anita Baumann, Dottie Kimiecik, Shirley Coughlin, Mary McNally, Diane Arcieri, Mary Fish

Officer's Report:

Anita made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Mary McNally seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Shirley Coughlin

October - Starting balance: \$2,900.03

Total expenses: \$48.88 (postage)

Total deposits: \$1,647.80 (book sale, memberships and donations)

Ending balance: \$4,498.95

Director's Report: Madelyn Folino not in attendance

President's Report: Caroline Califf

Madelyn had spoken to Caroline about the cookie swap on 12/12 - she would like more people to come and requests that everyone bring only 1 dozen cookies as there were a lot left over last year.

Caroline would like everyone with e-mail to sign up for the Friends' monthly e-mail.

Anita attended the NYLA conference. She stated it was a good opportunity to meet other library groups. She reported on the incarcerated teens program called "Blackout Poetry". The teens circle words that resonate with them from a piece of prose and blackout other words. What is left is a poem. She thought this program might be a good library activity.

Anita also attended the Board of Trustees meeting - an audit is taking place and the auditors are pleased with the library. \$5,000 was received from Senator Bonacic.

Caroline will be meeting with library staff regarding fundraising. Caroline and Diane asked "Where do we want to spend funds?" Other issues: What are we raising funds for? Need to have goals. Madelyn to give a list of needs. Caroline - Why are you

involved with the Friends and what is in it for you? Mary Mc. - Because it is your library. What do you like about the library in 3 words? What is your favorite book?

Other ideas to raise money: Caroline - Glenmere Brewery is willing to host a fundraiser. Shirley - Clearview Winery is also willing. Diane - Stoney Creek also willing. Also suggested - a "Friends trail".

A motion was made by Anita and seconded by Mary McNally to adjourn at 6:55.

Future meeting dates: December 12, January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, and June 12. All meetings will be at 6:30 PM.

DON'T FORGET THE 12/12 COOKIE SWAP!

**Respectfully submitted,
Mary Fish, secretary**