

Meeting of the Friends of the Florida Public Library Minutes of January 14, 2019

Meeting called to order by Vice-President Bob Scott @ 6:27 PM

Members Present: Bob Scott, Nancy Scott, Mary McNally, Shirley Coughlin, Dot Kimiecik, Terri Gott, JoAnn Schultz, Ann Marie Kowalczyk, Rochelle Weiler, Madelyn Folino, Pitso Mafata, Diane Arcieri

Officer's Report:

Terri made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Ann Marie. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Rochelle reported that the current total was 3775.51. Bob accepted the report and to be filed for audit.

Director's Report: Madelyn Folino

A new round of programs are starting for the year with the main theme being Nature.

Karl Brabenec, State Assemblyman, was not able to attend our anniversary event. He is scheduled to be at the library Friday January 25 to present a citation to the library.

Advocacy Day is scheduled for February 27. There will be a bus leaving the Newburgh Mall to go to Albany. The groups meet with state representatives to stress the need for libraries. Some trustees and staff Meg, Ashley, and Barron will attend. The cost of the bus is \$5 and will be paid by the library. More library champions are needed to attend. RCLS is scheduling 3 advocacy training sessions.

The library has received a grant of \$3000 from the outgoing State Senator John Bonacic.

Randall Enos, RCLS Youth Consultant, is retiring after 37 years. Donations can be made to the Randall Enos Scholarship Fund for scholarships to the NYLA Conference.

The library would like the Friends to sponsor these three programs.

The Ancestry Library Edition has been received and Barron will be having a program to learn how to use the program on Wednesday night (January 16).

The 52nd Poetry Café is scheduled for February 15. It is the 13th years of holding these cafes. The library requesting \$200 for the host Robert Milby and \$50 for refreshments. A grant has been received for the features poets.

The Intrepid pass is due to expire at the end of April. The cost is \$500 to renew. This has been the most popular museum pass and can be used by up to 6 people.

Pie night is Thursday night 1/24. Noble Pie will be presenting a program on making pies

Vice President's Report:

None

Trustee Report: Nancy Scott/Diane Arcieri

The budget has been approved by the board. The budget vote will be on April 4. The trustees attended a program yesterday (1/13) "Know Your Library". It was to meet and speak to the staff and learn what they do. It was very enjoyable and informative. Diane will be running for re-election to the board. Cecelia Lillard and Kevin Lundell's terms are also up for re-election.

Other Business:

The cookie swap after last month's meeting went very well and was enjoyed by everyone. The cookies were delicious.

Bob reminded everyone that a nominating committee was needed and would be appointed in April for the May elections. Ann Marie suggested sending an email to all the Friends describing the positions and time spent. She will create the email to send out. JoAnn made a motion to accept Ann Marie's suggestion, seconded by Bob. Motion passed.

Mary also suggested that one meeting per year be held during the day (ex: Sunday afternoon) to encourage people to attend. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

New Business:

Rochelle made a motion, seconded by Ann Marie to sponsor the Poetry Café with \$200 for Robert Milby and \$50 for refreshments. Motion passed.

Nancy made a motion, seconded by Shirley to purchase the renewal pass for the Intrepid Museum. Motion passed.

Diane questioned if the Spring Tea will be held. A discussion was held and it was determined that it will be held on Saturday June 8.

Rochelle stated that this was her last meeting and thanked everyone for their assistance. Nancy made a motion, seconded by Rochelle to appoint Terri Gott treasurer to complete Rochelle's term. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Terri, seconded by Rochelle to adjourn at 7:14. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Scott, secretary pro-tem