

Meeting of the Friends of the Florida Public Library Minutes of March 11, 2019

Meeting called to order by Vice-President Bob Scott @ 6:33 PM

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

Officer's Report:

Secretary: Reviewed the minutes of the last meeting – the author's name was spelled wrong (Edgecomb).

Terri made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Shirley. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Terri reported that the current total was 2325.51.

Bob accepted the report and to be filed for audit.

Director's Report: Madelyn Folino

The annual budget and trustee election is on Thursday April 4 from 9 am to 9 pm. The budget will include a \$13,380 increase. There 3 trustee positions up for election with 2 being for 3 years and 1 for 1 year. There are 3 candidates and they are all currently serving as trustees.

Discussed elections signs being displayed. There is a list and they will be distributed towards the end of the month. On Election Day there will be a music program for preschoolers in the afternoon (Sound Express) and there will be a music program at 6 pm (Mark Mathelier).

Madelyn requested the Friends be an advocate for the budget. The bulk mailing will be sent out soon.

July 1 is the summer reading program kick-off program. The Travelling Lantern will perform "My Mom the Astronaut". The cost is \$445 and Madelyn is requesting the friends sponsor this program.

The 53rd Poetry Café will be held on Friday April 26 – it is the 13th anniversary. The library is requesting \$200 for Robert Milby and \$50 for refreshments.

The library's current long range plan (5 year) is due to expire next year and the board is starting to work on a new one. They will be working with the public to find out what they like about the library currently and what the library should do/look like in the future. The board is looking for suggestions for whom they should invite to join the focus groups.

The current RCLS Director, Robert Hubsher, is leaving his position and the RCLS board has created a search committee to find a replacement. Grace Riario is the Acting Director.

Vice President's Report: None

Trustee Report: Diane Arcieri

The board discussed the tax cap tax, and the library tax. Diane attended Advocacy Day with 2 other board members. The governor is proposing tax cuts to libraries. They met with our 2 new legislators

Nancy reported on the upcoming Spring Tea on June 8. The committee met on 3/12.

The next meeting is Tuesday 4/9 at 3 pm at the American Legion.

Other Business:

Bob stated that the nominating committee will be appointed next month.

Ann Marie had made the changes to the letter to the friends to encourage more interest. It was reviewed and approved. Bob will send it via email to all the members. Madelyn will have it placed on the web site.

Diane commented on the lack of officers. There will be a webinar on friend's groups and on using the team approach rather than individual officers. She also reported that at the NYLA conference she had questioned on having a friend's group be a 501c3 and she will share the information she received at next month's meeting.. She reported that the Randall Enos scholarship received so many donations they added a second award. The award is entry to the NYLA Conference. This year it is Nov 13-16 in Saratoga, NY.

Diane went to the Poughkeepsie Library and obtained information on their friend's group and will share next month.

New Business:

Nancy made a motion, seconded by Diane to fund the program for the Summer Reading Program for \$445. Motion passed.

Ann Marie made a motion, seconded by Shirley to pay \$200 to Robert Milby and \$50 for refreshments for the Poetry Café on 4/26. Motion passed.

JoAnn questioned if the Florida Library will be involved in the celebration of the opening of the new Goshen Library. Madelyn stated that there was no formal plan.

A motion was made by Ann Marie, seconded by Shirley to adjourn at 7:34. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Scott, secretary pro-tem