Meeting of the Friends of the Florida Public Library
Minutes of April 8, 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, Karen Thomas, Clare Kirkwood, Mary McNally, Kevin Lundell, Laura Fernandez

Officer’s Report:
Secretary: Reviewed the minutes of the last meeting – the group’s name for the library election vote day is Sound Explorer not Express and budget increase amount should be 13,380 over last year’s budget.
Terri made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Karen. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Terri reported that the current total was 1630.51.
Bob accepted the report and to be filed for audit.

Director’s Report: Madelyn Folino
Tomorrow is Library Worker’s Day and the library board is recognizing them and they also wanted to recognize the volunteers of the Friends of the Florida Public Library. Trustee Laura Fernandez made cookies for the Friends.
The annual budget passed 119 to 24 and the 3 trustees running won.
The 53rd Poetry Café will be held on Friday April 26 – it is the 13th anniversary. It is the longest running poetry cage in the Hudson Valley. A grant was received for part of the expense.
Madelyn is planning for next month and is considering a pollinator garden by the side door.
Madelyn reported that the state passed a new law that there will be no smoking within a 100 feet from a public library.

Vice President’s Report: None

Trustee Report: Diane Arcieri/Nancy Scott
The board discussed the long range plan and explained how some of it will be accomplished.
Suggestions for groups to contact were requested.

Other Business:
Bob stated that the nominating committee needed to be appointed tonight. Volunteers were requested. The committee will present their slate next month in May and the vote will be held in June, and the new slate will start in July. Clare, Karen, and Shirley volunteered. Nancy will get a list of members to the committee.

Bob reported that the friend’s letter was sent via email to all the members. Madelyn will have it placed on the web site.
Diane reported on friends group at the Poughkeepsie Library and the webinar for the friends. She also reported on the state budget for libraries and that all the libraries in the state will be
assisting with the 2020 census and the state passed monies to help with training. She suggested that it would be nice to send message to our state representatives to thank them for funding libraries. Our Federal representatives should also be contacted as the president has suggested stopping funding for libraries/

New Business:
The book sale is May 16-19. Nancy passed around sign-up sheets for help. We especially need help on Thursday night to get the books from the basement and to get them back on Sunday at 3 pm. We should have boy scouts to help and Beth V stated that some of her youth group can help.
Madelyn reported that the library is having a yard sale on Saturday May 18 from 9-2. They will still take donations. Speak to Annette Shaughnessy on donating.
We will also be having bake sale on Sat and Sun. Donations can be dropped off Sat morning.
Nancy and Bob will send out reminder postcards to all members.
Mary made a motion, seconded by Clare to reimburse Bob and Nancy for postage and pizza/soda on Thursday night not to exceed $125. Motion passed

Discussed the Florida Family Fun Fest to be held on 8/11/19. It was decided to have a table again. Discussed paying for the table. Kevin suggested we pay the $40 non-profit fee as the fun fest committee is short on funds. Nancy made a motion to pay the fee, seconded by Terri. Motion passed. Discussed selling tote bags.

A motion was made by Shirley, seconded by Terri to adjourn at 7:30. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Scott, secretary pro-tem