

Meeting of the Friends of the Florida Public Library Minutes of February 10, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Bob Scott @ 6:05 PM

Members Present: Bob Scott, Nancy Scott, Shirley Coughlin, Ann Marie Kowalczyk, Mary McNally, Diane Arcieri, Karen Thomas, Bob Persing, Pitso Mafata, Madelyn Folino

Officers' Reports:

Secretary: The group reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. Shirley made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Diane. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Bob reviewed the expenses and deposits for January. The ending balance was \$1,790.68. Bob accepted the report which will be filed for audit.

Director: Madelyn led the discussion that included the following items:

- For a fourth straight year, the White House has once again proposed the permanent elimination of the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services, and with it, virtually all federal funding for libraries. Madelyn is providing Nancy with information regarding sending automated advocacy letters to our state senators and representative. Nancy will forward this to all Friends. Please take a few minutes, and respond. Let your voice be heard.
- Madelyn reminded the group that various meeting documents are required to be filed in the basement for long term storage. She has copies of information from past meetings, if needed. Ann Marie and Nancy will work on this task.
- An interesting program on the history of trains in Orange County will be held on 4/16, the day of the Library Budget vote. Come enjoy the presentation and cast your ballot.
- Funding Requests :
 - Renewal of the Boscobel House museum pass is due on 4/30. Cost - \$150. The pass includes 1 Adult admission and 3 guests. Kids under 12 are free.
 - Renewal of the Intrepid Museum pass is due on 4/30. This is one of the more popular passes, with 38 passes being used last year. There is a change in what discounts will be allowed. Previously, the pass included free entrance for 6 people. The renewal has a tiered structure. For a \$500 renewal, a pass will include 2 free admissions and discounted guest tickets of \$18/adult and \$13/child. The question came up as to whether veterans are admitted free of charge. Meg will research this item.

Vice President: No report at this time.

President: No report at this time.

Trustee: Nancy led the discussion that included these items:

- Diane, Meg, and Madelyn will be discussing the long range plan with the entire trustee board at their May meeting.
- The Food Pantry sent a beautiful letter thanking everyone who helped make the Christmas “Adopt a Family” program a success.
- Two important dates are: 1) 2/25 – Advocacy Day in Albany, a chance to speak with legislators about library funding. Register at www.rcls.org. 2) 4/16 – Vote to approve the library budget and elect trustees, at the library – 9A to 9P.

Correspondence: None to report.

Old Business:

- Per Nancy, the Senior Center is available for the “Pop-Up Sale” on 4/17-4/18; the Used Book Sale on 5/14-5/17; and the Spring Tea on 6/6. The Ossentjuk family is available to help at both book sales in transferring the books.
- The first Spring Tea planning meeting will be held tomorrow (2/11).
- Regarding the first “Pop-Up Sale”, the plan is to include hard-cover fiction, cookbooks, and plates. We all agreed that widespread advertising is the key to making this sale successful. Sara Taylor, who previously expressed an interest in helping in this area, needs to be contacted. Mary suggested having flyers that we could hand out in classes at the gym and post in various places. Since social media usage is so prevalent, advertising on this platform is necessary.
- Diane suggested that we partner with another craft group such as a knitting/crocheting circle, and sell their donated items at one of the book sales. Another source of donated items might be library patrons.

New Business:

- Nancy made a motion to renew the Boscobel House museum pass, seconded by Karen. Motion passed.
- Karen made a motion to renew the Intrepid Museum pass at the \$500 renewal tier level, with a second by Mary. Motion passed with 1 Objection and 1 Abstention.

Open Discussion Items: None

Nancy made a motion to adjourn at 6:24, seconded by Bob P. Motion passed. The group then participated in a yummy chocolate demonstration conducted by Marie.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Marie Kowalczyk, Secretary