

Meeting of the Friends of the Florida Public Library Minutes of March 9, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Bob Scott @ 6:31 PM

Members Present: Bob Scott, Nancy Scott, Shirley Coughlin, Ann Marie Kowalczyk, Mary McNally, Terri Gott, Karen Thomas, Bob Persing, Sara Taylor, Madelyn Folino, Dot Kimiecik, Laura Hernandez

Officers' Reports:

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

Treasurer: Terri reviewed the expenses and deposits for February. The ending balance was \$1,250.68. Bob accepted the report which will be filed for audit.

Director: Madelyn led the discussion on the following items:

- Meg created flyers to advertise the upcoming "Pop-Up" Used Book Sale scheduled for April 18th. All were encouraged to post the notices around town.
- The Library Budget vote and Trustee election will be held on 4/16 between 9am and 9pm at the library. The Friends were asked to put up lawn signs advertising the vote. An interesting program on Hudson Valley Local Railroads is scheduled for 7pm that evening. Come enjoy the presentation and cast your ballot.
- Starting later this month, households will be receiving an invitation in the mail to participate in the 2020 census. Census data is used to determine how many seats our state gets in the US Congress and how federal funds are allocated among the states for schools, hospitals, infrastructure, etc. The library staff will be available to help anyone who needs assistance in completing the task. Library computers will have the necessary software.
- In response to the threats associated with the coronavirus, the library is following precautionary protocols. Check the website for the status of programs.
- Investigation is underway regarding adding the 'Time and the Valleys' Museum in Grahamsville, NY, to the list of available museum passes.
- Sara volunteered to pass out information regarding museum passes to mothers and family members attending the 'Rhymetime' programs as well as to those having play dates around the village.
- Funding Requests :
 - Renewal of the Bethel Woods museum pass that expires on 4/30, at a cost of \$275. The pass includes four free admissions, and entry to the new, augmented reality adventure. Passes were used 12 times during the past year.

Vice President: No report at this time.

President: No report at this time.

Trustee: The Florida Public Library Board meeting is tonight. This is a week later than usual, so there is nothing to report at this time.

Correspondence: None to report.

Old Business:

- Nancy passed out sign-up sheets to help with various tasks associated with the “Pop-Up Sale” scheduled for 4/17-4/18; and the “Big” Used Book Sale scheduled for 5/14-5/17. Please contact Nancy or Bob if you are able to lend a hand.
- Bob will ask John Fish if he would like to conduct an Antique Appraisal on 5/16-5/17 in conjunction with the “Big” Used Book Sale.
- Ten members of the Florida library attended events associated with Library Advocacy Day, held at the NY State Capitol in Albany on Feb. 25th. It was an interesting, rewarding day.

New Business:

- Nancy made a motion to renew the Bethel Woods museum pass for \$275, seconded by Shirley. Motion passed.

Open Discussion Items:

- The library has copies of Anthony Musso’s series, ‘The Hidden Treasures of the Hudson Valley’. All who attended the library’s recent program on his third book thoroughly enjoyed the presentation, and hope he returns.
- Nancy gave an update on the work being done for the upcoming Spring Tea. Progress is being made in finding food caterers, renaming the ‘Tricky Tray’ event, and asking various businesses and individuals for basket donations. The next meeting is scheduled for March 11th.
- Mary initiated more discussion on the “Pop-Up Sale”. It was decided that volunteers should meet in the library basement on April 9th at 1pm to sort through books to be sold.

Nancy made a motion to adjourn at 7:22, seconded by Terri. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Marie Kowalczyk, Secretary