

## Meeting of the Friends of the Florida Public Library Minutes of September 14, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Bob Scott @ 5:31 PM

Members Present: Bob Scott, Nancy Scott, Shirley Coughlin, Ann Marie Kowalczyk, Mary McNally, Terri Gott, Madelyn Folino, Diane Arcieri, Pitso Mafata, Sally Lindstrom. Sally, our newest member, was introduced to the group.

### Officers' Reports:

Treasurer: Terri reviewed monthly activity from March through August. The ending balance was \$749.68. Bob accepted the group of reports, which will be filed for audit.

Director: Madelyn led the discussion on the following items:

- Funding Requests :
  - Renewal of the Hudson Highlands museum pass at a cost of \$100.
  - Renewal of the Storm King pass at a cost of \$125, which is due on 9/30.
  - FYI – The expiration date for the Intrepid museum pass has been extended to October, 2021.
- The library is currently open for browsing collections as well as all other services such as notary public, computers, and curbside pickup. Guidelines are in place to insure patron and staff safety. All returns are made via the drop box, and are quarantined for six days. Masks and hand sanitizer are available. After Labor Day, late fines were re-imposed. Access the library website for more information on the safety protocols being followed and the services available.
- In celebration of the library's 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary, a special weekend of events has been planned.
  - On Friday, 9/25, the movie, "Sonic the Hedgehog" will be shown in the library parking lot at 7:15 pm. Rain date is 9/26.
  - On Saturday, 9/26, the annual yard sale will be held on the deck from 9 am to 2 pm. Check the website for items that can be donated. Rain date is 10/3.
  - Also, on Saturday, 9/26, two new "Little Free Libraries" are being dedicated within the village. These book depositories are made of recycled milk jugs. Everyone is welcome to attend the ceremony that starts at the corner of North Main and Willet Avenue at 11 am, where the "red" library will be opened in honor of Pitso Mafata, and in memory of his wife, Lornar. The group will then walk to 69 South Main St, where the "blue" library will be dedicated to the memory of Mary Kimiecik. Rain date is 9/27.
  - Sunday, 9/27, at 1 pm, there will be a family art program.
- Staff member changes include the leaving of Amy Cassidy due to family responsibilities. Her replacement, Beth Pskowski, starts on 9/15.

Vice President: No report at this time.

President: The executive committee met on 8/25 to discuss various issues. It was decided to email membership renewal notices to everyone with an email on file – mainly to save on postage. Based on responses, letters will be mailed at a future date. Bob passed out renewals to those members present.

Trustee: Per Diane, the legislative breakfast will be held via Zoom on 9/25. At this time, the Florida Library Board of Trustees will nominate Anita Baumann for a trustee position. Anita's term as RCLS president expires at the end of this year. As with most organizations, RCLS is in dire straits for money. Per Nancy, the Florida trustees have been meeting via Zoom for 3-4 months, and have recently resumed face-to-face meetings on the library deck.

Correspondence: None to report.

### **Old Business:**

- Bob asked attendees for their opinions on holding a used book sale in October. There was unanimous agreement to cancel the event.
- Bob then discussed the status of future monthly meetings, given that colder weather is on the horizon. Everyone was in agreement that the decision to meet should be made on a month-to-month basis – pending such considerations as the availability of a large meeting room to accommodate social distancing.

### **New Business:**

- Nancy made a motion to renew the Hudson Highlands museum pass for \$100 and the Storm King pass for \$125, seconded by Terri. Motion passed. It was agreed that keeping a \$500 balance in the treasury was a good rule of thumb.

### **Open Discussion Items:**

- Pitso offered to pay for the postage required for membership renewal notices. This will be addressed after email responses are received.

Nancy made a motion to adjourn at 6:12, seconded by Mary. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Marie Kowalczyk, Secretary