

Meeting of the Friends of the Florida Public Library Minutes of June 14, 2021

Meeting called to order by President Bob Scott @ 6:32 PM

Members Present: Bob Scott, Nancy Scott, Shirley Coughlin, Mary McNally, Terri Gott, Meg Sgombick, Sara Taylor, Larie Olejniczak (visitor), Ann Marie Kowalczyk

Officers' Reports:

President: Bob announced that Meg Sgombick was selected by the Library Board of Trustees as the new Director, following the retirement of Madelyn Folino.

Vice President: Shirley explained that the club's by-laws need to be amended to handle situations arising from the pandemic – such as, steps to be taken when officers' terms have been surpassed, and the ability to hold Zoom meetings in lieu of in-person attendance.

Treasurer: Terri reviewed monthly activity for May, 2021. The ending balance was \$1,829.73. Bob accepted the report, which will be filed for audit along with the December, 2020 through April, 2021 reports.

Director: Meg led the discussion of the following items:

- There were no new funding requests.
- Thanks to the Friends for the \$100 food donation for Madelyn's retirement party.
- The library recently held a yard sale/small book sale that netted approximately \$600 in total. The extra signage, limiting what yard sale items were included, and the nice weather contributed to a successful sale.
- The summer reading program is about to be finalized.
- Debbie Violetto was hired as Meg's replacement, starting June 1st.

Trustee: Per Nancy, who was selected as the new President of the Board:

- Meg was interviewed by a Board committee and selected as Library Director.
- The by-laws for the Trustees are being reviewed and updated.
- Election signs were placed throughout the village for the April library budget/trustee vote. The proposed budget was passed. Tyler Carey was elected to complete the term of Cecilia Lillard.
- The new year is starting in July and Board business is ramping up.

Correspondence: None to report.

Old Business: Bob got agreement from the group that it was not necessary to approve the minutes of our last meeting (September, 2020) since so much time had elapsed.

New Business:

- Future Group Meetings – Bob said that senior groups are now able to meet at the Senior Center with each group deciding on safety protocols. The Friends will be meeting on the library deck, weather-permitting. Library protocols will be followed when meeting inside. The suggestion was made to post FFPL meeting notices on FaceBook as well as the library calendar. Another idea was to send out a reminder two days prior to the meeting. The next FFPL meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 7/13, at 6:30 pm (since Trustees will be meeting on 7/12).
- Future Book Sales – The next Used Book Sale is tentatively scheduled for July 29 – August 1. Bob will ask the mayor to approve the use of the Senior Center for the sale. Sara suggested that we sell some books outside as well as inside to encourage more cautious patrons to attend. A bake sale, with items being individually wrapped, will also be held. Our biggest challenge is moving books to (Thurs-6 pm) and from (Sun-3pm) the Senior Center. Everyone is being asked to come up with ideas for soliciting “muscle power” from community groups.
- Membership Donors – A discussion took place regarding how to reward membership donors who pay more than the \$10/year dues. The most appealing idea was to give out coupons for free used books for an upcoming sale. Details will be worked out, based upon the amount of the donation. Thank you notes will be mailed with the appropriate coupon. Generally, membership runs from 10/1 of the current year through 9/30 of the next year. It was agreed that anyone joining now through October would have an active membership until Sept. 30, 2022.
- Election of Officers – Nancy made a motion to elect the same slate of officers through June 30, 2022. Mary seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- By-laws – A committee of Meg, Terri, and Nancy volunteered to review the by-laws. Meg will check as to when the by-laws were last amended and will send the latest set to the committee.

Open Discussion Items:

- Sara suggested a possible fundraiser – selling baskets with a theme for a holiday. Example – basket with a tea cup and tea for Mother’s Day. Interested buyers would order and pre-pay; and pick up at a later date. This idea would result in not needing an outlay of cash to buy the materials.
- Meg suggested having an FFPL night at the Glenmere Brewing Company. A portion of the sales is given to the local organization. Bob will follow up with the owners, with a possible date in August.

Nancy made a motion to adjourn at 7:33 PM, seconded by Terri. Motion passed.

At the end of the meeting, Larie Olejniczak became an FFPL member. Welcome!!

Respectfully submitted, Ann Marie Kowalczyk, Secretary