Meeting of the Friends of the Florida Public Library  
Minutes of March 14, 2022

Meeting called to order by President Bob Scott @ 6:34 PM

Members Present: Bob Scott, Nancy Scott, Terri Gott, Meg Sgombick, Diane Arcieri, Mary McNally, Sara Taylor, Larie Olejniczak, Ann Marie Kowalczyk

**Officers’ Reports:**

*President:* Bob led the group in a moment of silence to remember the people lost in the Ukraine.

*Vice President:* No report at this time.

*Treasurer:* Per Terri, an expense was inadvertently omitted from the October 2021 report. Revised copies of October and November were provided, as well as reports for December and February. There was no activity in January. The ending balance for February was $3,256.45. Bob accepted the reports, which will be filed for audit.

*Director:* Meg presented the following items:

- The March 2022 program calendar was handed out. At Larie’s suggestion, a QR code was placed on the calendar. The code may be scanned by a phone’s camera. The user is taken to the calendar and is able to register for a program.
- The Annual Library Budget Vote will take place on April 7th, from 9 am-9 pm at the library. The annual budget reflects an increase of .8%, with an increase in the tax levy of 1.5%. Fun programs are scheduled on that day.
- Current programs are running well.

*Trustee:* Per Nancy, Sara was sworn in to fill the open Trustee position. On April 7th, Tyler Carey, Diane Arcieri, and Sara Taylor will be running for re-election. The 2022 informational budget hearing was held in March. No one from the community participated. A third architect has been interviewed. Hopefully, an architect will be chosen at the next Board meeting.

**Old Business:**

- The minutes of the December meeting were reviewed by the group. Nancy made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Terri. Motion passed. Bob asked that a “place-holder” report be created whenever a meeting is cancelled.
- Status of 501(c)(3) Project – Per Diane, the by-laws require a minor change before a Certificate of Incorporation can be filed. This change adds the designation of “Inc.” to the name of our organization on the first page. Bob asked that the change be shared with those not in attendance via email. With thirty days’ notice, we will vote on approval of the change at our April meeting. Once approved, the Certificate of Incorporation, the amended by-laws, and the $75 fee will be submitted. The next form (1023-EZ) will be addressed by Meg and Diane.
New Business:
- Funding Requests:
  - Renewal of the Boscobel Museum pass at a cost of $150/year. Diane made a motion to approve, seconded by Terri. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Addition of a new pass to Museum Village that includes 50 tickets ($750 value) at the cost of $150. Nancy made a motion to approve, seconded by Sara. Motion passed unanimously.
- Signs for the upcoming Budget Vote/Trustees’ Election require alteration to the date. Meg will provide the ‘7’s to Bob, who is storing the signs. Anyone who wants a sign to display should see Bob.
- A Used Book Sale is scheduled for May 12-15. Nancy will have sign-up sheets at the next meeting. Any and all help is desperately needed and greatly appreciated!

Correspondence: None to report.

Open Discussion Items:
- Terri mentioned that our annual insurance policy, issued by Travelers, is increasing by $162, for a yearly total of $723. Bob will contact Broadfield Insurance Agency, a broker, to shop around for other companies that may provide a better deal. In addition, Bob will reach out to State Farm for a premium quote.
- Bob and Nancy recently visited the Washingtonville Library. Paul Mays was the architect. He is being considered for our library’s renovations.
- Larie volunteered to spearhead an investigation into the possibility of a “Bag Bingo” fundraising event. Venue, date (so as not to conflict with other community events), obtaining inventory (handbags, jewelry, scarves, etc.) and other activities (raffles, 50-50) are a few of the items that need to be addressed as the project progresses. Larie is going to meet with a PTA member experienced in this type of event to get some pointers on how to proceed. Discussion of this project will continue at our next meeting.

Diane made a motion to adjourn at 7:32 PM, seconded by Mary. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Marie Kowalczyk, Secretary