Meeting of the Friends of the Florida Public Library
Minutes of May 9, 2022

Meeting called to order by President Bob Scott @ 6:35 PM

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

Officers’ Reports:
President: Per Bob, help is needed at the upcoming book sale.

Vice President: Shirley reiterated that help is needed at the upcoming book sale.

Treasurer: Terri reviewed the activity for March and April. The ending balance for April was $2,691.45. Bob accepted the reports, which will be filed for audit.

Director: Meg presented the following items:
• Meg provided a copy of the revised by-laws that needed the signatures of the President and Secretary. Ann Marie was given this copy to retain.
• The Friends of the Libraries Section of NYLA is holding a zoom meeting to discuss “Organizing a Book Sale Crew” on May 19th. Meg passed out a sheet with details for this free event.
• Meg asked if anyone knew about a gmail account that is listed on the library’s website (FriendsofTheFloridaPL@gmail.com). No one did. She will delete it.
• The May calendar was handed out. The summer session, “Oceans of Possibilities” will begin at the end of June.
• Meg was pleased to report that 35 people attended the recent Poetry Café, moderated by Robert Milby. The beautiful weather enabled the event to be held outside, which enticed a good crowd. Thanks to the Friends for their support!
• The library will participate in the PTA Touch-A-Truck event on May 22, as a vital part of the community. Friends’ information, library card sign-ups, and a craft will be available. Per Larie, there will be lots of “stuff” to explore, including an armored truck and a helicopter, weather-permitting.
• Kindergarten screening is next week. Library cards and a “free book” coupon will be available.
• The question came up as to how long the FFPL has been in existence. Consensus was at least 20 years.

Trustee: Per Nancy, an architect has been chosen for the library renovations – Lothrop Associates of White Plains. Meg, Bob, and Nancy visited the library in Montrose which was built and renovated by this company. They were impressed by what they saw and have had positive interactions with employees of the group during the search process.
Trustee: (Continued)
Next steps will include: a) Understanding the needs of the staff, the library board, and
the village board, b) Concept design stage. Residents of Florida will be involved in the
first phase since some financing may be needed from the public. Nancy also mentioned
that a Library Trustee has resigned. A replacement candidate is being sought.

Old Business:
- The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed by the group. Larie made a motion
to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Terri. Motion passed unanimously.
- Status of 501(c)(3) Project – Meg is waiting to hear back about the status of the
incorporation application.
- Insurance Policy – Per Bob, a new policy through Preferred Mutual at a cost of $466
is in place. The policy covers the Village of Florida, the Florida Chamber of
Commerce, and the Florida Farmers’ Market. We may want to re-visit having a used
book sale at the Farmers’ Market. Thanks to our broker, who obtained this policy.

New Business:
- Funding Requests: None at this time.
- Bob, Meg, and employees of the Walden Savings Bank had a picture posted on
Facebook/Instagram, showing the May display table advertising the library and the
Friends organization. Meg will change the display after the book sale, and replenish
appropriate items.
- Used Book Sale – Notices were posted on Bookfinders and Route94.com in the
Warwick Advertiser. Nancy will send out email reminders. Shirley made a motion to
cover pizza and soda for the helpers, not to exceed $100. Mary seconded the
motion, which passed unanimously. Lawn signs to advertise the book sale were
given to anyone who wanted to display them. Mary mentioned that the Goshen
Friends’ group recently had a used book sale, and asked customers for a donation –
as opposed to set prices. Nancy reviewed the pricing scheme that we would be
following. Bob was asked to bring notices of the book sale to the St. Joe’s annual
breakfast being held on Sunday.

Correspondence: None to report.

Open Discussion Items: None to report.

Terri made a motion to adjourn at 7:41 PM, seconded by Mary. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Marie Kowalczyk, Secretary