Meeting of the Friends of the Florida Public Library
Minutes of June 13, 2022

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

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

Officers’ Reports:
President: No report at this time.

Vice President: No report at this time.

Treasurer: Terri reviewed the activity for May - with insurance being the only expense and the used book sale being the biggest deposit. The ending balance for May was $3,207.90. Bob accepted the report, which will be filed for audit. Nancy asked to be reimbursed for the amount of $100 for the pizza ordered for the workers at the book sale. This was approved at last month’s meeting.

Director: Meg presented the following items:
• Meg provided a flyer that announced the Summer Reading Program. The QR code goes right to the calendar. The big kickoff is June 27th with lots of fun activities. On June 30th, Shawn Del Joyce is giving an adult watercolor class on Zoom. There are two movie nights scheduled in July. Check out the calendar!
• The library hosted a successful yard sale recently, netting approximately $783. Annette and Marie did a great job. Leftover items were donated to the Seward Mapes House.
• Meg is awaiting a second price quote on a replacement awning. She also wants to get a quote for fixing the air conditioning in the back.
• The library participated in the Touch-A-Truck event, which turned out to be a big success. Several people asked for information about the Library of Things.
• Minisink is working toward getting a library via referendum.

Trustee: Nancy led the discussion on the following items:
• Currently, there is one vacancy on the Board. One person has expressed interest in the position.
• At the July meeting, all official items will be re-addressed.
• Diane Arcieri has been nominated to the RCLS Board for another 5 year term. She now needs a nomination from another library. RCLS voting will take place during the September meeting.
Old Business:
- The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed by the group. Nancy made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Terri. Motion passed unanimously.
- Status of 501(c)(3) Project – Meg still hasn’t heard back about the status of the incorporation application. The check hasn’t been cashed. Meg will check on the website to see who to contact for follow-up.
- Report on the Book Sale – The book sale (including books, new memberships, totes) brought in $952.45. Bob commented that the sale and preparation went great. Nancy passed around a letter from six-year-old Nora Lever, thanking us for having the sale. Mary mentioned that a bake sale might have brought the proceeds to $1000 – but the decision was made to hold off because of covid concerns. A bake sale will be re-considered for the next book sale. Terri mentioned that Ron Kamrowski said that Bob brought the “A” team to help on Thursday night. It was suggested that, in the future, we consider using a team approach in passing the books up the stairs.

New Business:
- Funding Requests:
  - The two featured poets at the Poetry Café on 8/19 – Laurie Byro and Marlaina Tartaglioni - $75 each for a total of $150. Nancy made a motion to approve for each poet, each was seconded by Terri. Motions passed unanimously.
  - Talewise, program presenter at the Wrap Up Party for the summer reading program, on 7/29 for $350. Shirley made a motion to approved, seconded by Terri. Motion passed unanimously.
- The July meeting date was set for July 12th (a Tuesday), since the monthly meeting of the Board will be held on July 11th.

Correspondence: None to report.

Open Discussion Items:
- Per Terri, the election of officers of the Friends group should take place in July. According to the by-laws, an officer cannot serve in the same position for more than two consecutive terms. A nominating committee consisting of Nancy, Sara, and Mary was set up to solicit candidates.

Terri made a motion to adjourn at 7:08 PM, seconded by Mary. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Marie Kowalczyk, Secretary