Meeting of the Friends of the Florida Public Library  
Minutes of July 12, 2022

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

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

**Officers’ Reports:**

*President:* No report at this time.

*Vice President:* No report at this time.

*Treasurer:* Per Terri, activity for the month of June included $500 in expenses with no deposits being made. The ending balance for June was $2,707.90. Bob accepted the report, which will be filed for audit.

*Director:* Meg presented the following items:
- The summer reading program is going well. The July calendar was distributed, along with a list of upcoming programs in August.
- The purchase of a second awning was approved.
- NYLA posted an interesting white paper on what small rural Friends’ groups need to thrive, not just survive. The paper was presented at a couple of Zoom conferences. Meg will send the link to view the paper to members present.

*Trustee:* Nancy led the discussion on the following items:
- A new trustee, Ashley Dinsmore, was appointed to the Board. She will complete a previously vacated position through 6/30/23.
- The yearly housekeeping activities went smoothly.
- New contracts for tech services were discussed.
- Diane, Tyler, and Sara were sworn in as Trustees. Debbie Slesinski was also sworn in as Treasurer (a non-Trustee, honorarium-paid position).
- Diane received her second required nomination to the RCLS Board from the Chester library.

**Old Business:**

- Elections – Report from the Nominating Committee – Per Nancy, the proposed slate of officers includes: President – Karen Thomas, Vice President – Bob Scott, Secretary – Mary Fish, Treasurer – Shirley Coughlin. Bob asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. Ann Marie, as secretary, cast one ballot to accept the slate. The elections were deemed complete. Congrats to the new officers!
- The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed by the group. Terri made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Sara. Motion passed unanimously.
Old Business (Continued):

- Status of 501(c)(3) Project – Meg has emailed and called regarding status, to no avail. The check for the application fee has been cashed. Bob suggested that Meg check the state IRS website. Meg will follow up.

New Business:

- Funding Requests:
  - The renewal of the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum pass for $100, due at the end of July. Nancy made a motion to approve, seconded by Terri. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Florida Family Fun Fest – Saturday, August 13th - Before today’s meeting, Bob consulted with Meg and Nancy (as Trustee President) about the Friends having a booth at the event. There was a time constraint in making the reservation. He paid the $40 application fee to secure a spot. A sign-up sheet was passed around for Friends to man the booth. Meg will bring some items to display from the “Library of Things”, as well as other pertinent brochures and information.
  - Mini-Used Book Sale at Farmers’ Market – The library is doing a program at the market on Tuesday, July 19th. The Friends will have a booth with adult soft-covers and kids’ books for sale. A sign-up sheet to help was passed around. Our current insurance covers this venue, so there will be no expenses.
  - Nancy confirmed that the next used book sale will be Sept 29 – Oct 2 at the Florida Senior Center. Sign-up sheets will be brought to the next meeting.

Correspondence: A thank-you letter was sent to the Friends from the Helen Hayes Hospital, for the generous donation of two boxes of large print books for their patients.

Open Discussion Items:

- Terri received a bill from Travelers Insurance. Bob will follow up with our insurance broker, since the group had discontinued coverage with Travelers.

Nancy made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM, seconded by Terri. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Marie Kowalczyk, Secretary