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

Meeting called to order by President Karen Thomas @ 6:35 PM

Members Present: Karen Thomas, Nancy Scott, Meg Sgombick, Mary McNally, Shirley Coughlin, Ann Marie Kowalczyk

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

Vice President: Not present.

Treasurer: Shirley reported the checkbook balance was $3916.61. Karen accepted the report, which will be filed for audit.

Director: Meg presented the following items:
• The fall programs are wrapping up. There was a Cast Iron Cooking demonstration by Noble Pie. They made a pulled pork pie and everyone got a slice. There were 20 attendees. A pie was raffled off and Jim Goodrich won it. Noble Pie will be holding a Pie Night in January.
• The Winter Wonderland was held yesterday. There were snowflake and candy cane decorations. Mrs. Lisack, Golden Hill Principal, read. Santa was there from 1-3. There were different stations to visit ie: hot chocolate. There were over 60 attendees.
• It is the library’s 65th anniversary next year. Meg will be forming a committee with the board of Trustees and the Friends. There will be a fundraiser to plan and she needs ideas, volunteers, and any old pictures to display. The committee will be formed the beginning of next year.

Trustee: Nancy led the discussion on the following items:
• A contract was signed with an architectural firm (Lothrop) for the first two (2) phases of the project to expand the library. General plans were discussed and Meg stated that she will need help from the friends to present the project to the public when the time comes.
• The annual audit was completed with a good report.

Old Business:
• The minutes of the November meeting were reviewed by the group. Nancy made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Shirley. Motion passed unanimously.
New Business:
• Funding Requests:
  o The renewal of the Intrepid pass for $500, due at the end of January. It is for 4 admissions with a discount for additional guests and a 10% discount in the store. There were 39 checkouts of this pass this year. Ann Marie made a motion to approve, seconded by Nancy. Motion passed unanimously.
• Discussed next month’s meeting. The board meeting was changed to 1/9/2023 which would be the friend’s meeting. The meeting could be changed to Tuesday 1/10/2023 or skip the meeting for January. Mary M made a motion to skip the January 2023 meeting, seconded by Ann Marie. The motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Friends will be February 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Ann Marie made a motion to adjourn at 7:07 PM, seconded by Mary M. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Scott, Secretary pro tem