Meeting of the Friends of the Florida Public Library  
Minutes of February 13, 2023

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

Meeting called to order by President Karen Thomas at 6:31.

Officer’s Reports:

President:  No report

Vice President:  No report

Treasurer:  Shirley reported:
1. As there were no minutes for January, treasury activity for the month of December included expenses of $500.00 for the Intrepid Museum pass with a balance of $3,416.61. There were no deposits. For January, there were no expenses or deposits leaving the balance at $3,416.61.

Director:  Meg presented the following items:
1. Meg distributed the activity calendar for the Month of March. Special mention was made of the new Cookbook Club, the African Drumming program, the Knitting Club will now give lessons, a zoom presentation by artist Shawn Dell Joyce and Baking with Pearl.
2. Senator Skoufis funds are being used for 2 authors Laurie Calkhoven and Donna Cangelosi. They will give readings and presentations at Golden Hill School and SS Seward Institute.
3. A book box for teens has been created with books, goodies, and other teen items. The box will have different themes. 19 teens have signed up.

Trustee:  Nancy reported:
1. Voting on the budget will take place on 4/13/23. Also running for trustee seats are Nancy Scott, Diane Arcieri, and Ashley Dinsmore.
2. The contract has been signed with the architect and they are meeting with him to come up with ideas of what will be possible for the library expansion. They will meet again at the end of February.
3. Advocacy Day is 2/28/23 in Albany. Two trustees will attend along with Meg.
4. There will also be a meeting with Sen. Skoufis and Assemblyman Brabenec locally. Friends’ members may also attend. Let Meg know if you are interested.
5. ALA is keeping busy with the “banned book” issue.
Old Business:

1. The minutes of the 12/12/22 meeting will be voted on at the March meeting as they were not available today.
2. The Certificate of Incorporation which was submitted in April 2022 was rejected because titles of officers should not have been listed. Meg has submitted a new certificate and will need a new check for $75.00 to submit the certificate. Nancy made a motion for a new check and revised form and Bob seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
3. There is no update on the 501C3 until the incorporation.
4. The next book sale is tentatively set for 5/18/23. Bob and Nancy will arrange for the senior center when the date is confirmed.
5. Meg has hired two staff members to replace those who have left. They are Jade Vinis and Laurie Greenburg.

New Business:

1. The library has received $1600.00 in memory of Dottie Kimiecik. A $30.00 check was also received for the Friends. A thank you card will be sent.
2. There were no requests from Meg.
3. A committee is being formed to plan the 65th anniversary celebration and Meg is looking for volunteers. She will send an email to members.
4. Bob called Tastefully British regarding a fundraiser but has not heard back. He will try again.
5. NYLA is sponsoring an upcoming webinar for Friends of the Library groups. It will be held on 3/9/23 at 4:00 on zoom and will cover fundraising ideas.

Next meeting dates are 3/13, 4/10, 5/8, and 6/12.

Mary F. made a motion to adjourn and Ann Marie seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:25

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Fish, Secretary