

Minutes

Friends of Osceola Library, Inc.

April 8, 2015

Present: Barb Wetzel, Kathie Nelson, Marie Feldtmose, Mariette Kregendorf, Joleen Pederson, Marian Quinn, Rebekah Palmer, Kelly McBride, Mary Roberts
President Barb Wetzel called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Treasurer's report: Kathie provided treasurer's report stating very little activity. The quarterly commitment to the library was given to Marie in the amount of \$1000. A reminder for the Amazon Smile Fund will be sent via email by Barb to the MPLF and the library board. The treasurer's report and minutes were both approved.

Get out the vote: Friends received a thank you from Diane Moser/MPLF thanking those Friends (Mary Clare, Quinn, Cheryl and Barb) who called voters re: village referendum.

OPL news and needs: Kelly asked Friends to sponsor some aspect of Rhubarb Days which will help pay for events. A motion was passed to sponsor Rhubarb Days in the amount of \$250 plus another \$100 for tshirts which will have Friends logo. Other Rhubarb Days news: Friday Hiawatha bank will have the Johnsonville truck in their parking lot and the library will have its giant jenga game there as well. The reading kickoff will be on Sat. 10-12 p.m. It will be a superhero training theme. The event is to be family oriented with an obstacle course and activities at each station. Registration will be free and a gift bag from local businesses will be given out. Also on Sat. Magic Norm at noon, Elvis at 2:00 and the duck race at 4:00. Ellen will be coordinating the baking contest and the Community Homestead will be handling the bake sale. Sunday will be the craft fair. Becky Styles of the intermediate school and the library have partnered to coordinate the days events. Proceeds will be split between the school and the library. Kelly also reported that the adult winter reading program was a success with around 74 people completing it. The Library summit (library board, MPLF, and the Friends) will be having its first annual meeting. A presenter will be needed from each group. At this time, Barb will be talking to Kelly about the agenda.

Volunteers needed: Millpond is looking for volunteers to help Lala with office duties and also for special events. Rebekah volunteered for 3 hours a week of office work. Contact Kelly if interested.

National Library week: Mon. April 13-17. There will be an ice cream social at the library on Fri., April 17 3-5 p.m. Quinn will put out poster, membership forms and bookmarks on display before event. Joel will put out a flyer for Friday's event.

GiveBig: Health and wellness fair April 25. Rebekah will help Kelly 8-10 a.m. and Cheryl Beardslee 10-12 p.m. Tues., April 28 is GiveBig donation day, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The library will be one of the donation sites. Volunteers are needed at sites. If interested visit <http://doodle.com/4fuxze3xpky6pkw9> to sign up. Two tshirts were ordered for givebig to be worn prior and during event. Givebig buttons were passed out at the meeting, also to be worn prior to event.

Big Read events: Sat., April 18 at 1 p.m., upstairs at the library will be discussion group for the book Love Medicine. Maureen Bell will be the discussion leader. Marie handed out discussion question sheets to those who are reading the book. Barb will leave discussion guides at the library. There will be a press release in this weeks Sun for "Jack's Back Door Cafe" on April 17 at 7:30 p.m., at Festival Theater. Admission is donation.

June 6 used book sale: Joleen is looking for people to volunteer for cmte chairs in areas of tables and tents, moveable signs, volunteer signup, moving books from storage and returning, supervising culling/recycling, etc. Barb volunteered for advertising. Joleen will make a list to send out electronically about book sale and things that need to be done in each subcommittee. If interested in volunteering to work (not organize as a cmte chair) please visit sign up genius online which will be available later.

Book sorting: Quinn would like an updated list on people who can sort. An email will be sent out to people who had been sorting. If anyone is interested in sorting, please let Quinn know. Barb suggested to go to RCU 2 weeks prior to book sale to sort books on tables outside, so an RCU staff member would not have to supervise, this would help the book sale morning setup go faster. Barb will also look at Uline catalog to check prices on the gray bins, since they are running low.

Social activity: Some ideas for this were the Open Book in MPLS, Artsy gallery in Amery, a hike or a guided plant walk in our local areas.

Wine and canvas events starting Wed., May 7 at Sue's Bar from 6:30-9 p.m. \$35 per person. Sign up and info in library website.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Next meeting Wed., May 13 at 5:30 p.m.