

Minutes  
Friends of the Osceola Public Library  
6/11/2014

Present: Barb Wetzel, Kathie Nelson, Marian Quinn, Carole Nienabor, Maureen McElrath, Mary Clare Huberty, Sherry Hanson, Joleen Pederson, Glenna Tack

Call to Order – President Barb Wetzel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

- **Treasurer's Report** – Kathie provided the Treasurer's Report dated June 11, 2014, which included the Rhubarb Days Book Sale. Kathie did have a question regarding the Give Big monies. The amount recorded by Razoo for the library, and for the Friends, was considerably greater than the amounts received so far. Sherry Hanson volunteered to check her reports and see if she can help clarify the issue. The Minutes from May meeting, and current Treasurer's report were unanimously approved.
- **Workshop** – There will be a workshop presented at the River Falls library for trustees and Friends. The presentation, "How to improve library visibility in your community" will be made by Kathy Fletcher, chair of WLTF. **Registration needed very soon!** The event is June 25, 5 – 8 p.m.
- **OPL News & Needs** – Ellen Rosenow, who will be co-ordinating the Adult Summer Reading Program asked the Friends to donate towards the prizes. A motion was made and seconded and unanimously approved to contribute \$120 for prizes towards the 6 events planned.
- **OPL Strategic Planning** – Mike Salewski has offered to steer a committee to help with strategic planning for 2015. The recent sessions held with John Thompson from WIFLS focused on new library rather than the upcoming year. Mike is looking for two people to volunteer to be on that committee. Sherry Hanson volunteered.
- **MPLF event** – results from the recent study done by MGI, the company chosen by Mill Pond Literacy Foundation, will be presented on **Tuesday, June 17, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Square. All Friends are encouraged to attend!** It is a great time for Friends to get up to date on new library planning – both for individual knowledge, and also to be able to answer questions when asked.
- **Book Sale Recap** – The book sale went very smoothly, thanks to Joleen who had made the contact regarding a building to use in case of rain, and to her & Sherry's work as co-chairs. There was discussion regarding ideas for book storage. It is quite a bit of ongoing work to shuttle books from the library to one or two storage spaces, and then back again for the sales. We are looking for ideas to better manage storage and transport of books! **Any Friends who have suggestions are encouraged to contact Barb Wetzel, President, Joleen Pederson or Sherry Hanson, co-chairs (or send an email to the Friends at [friendsoftheosceolalibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftheosceolalibrary@gmail.com)).** Joleen suggested that the Friends place an ad in the Sun to thank the Nykanens for use of the old pharmacy building, and to thank the youth of the community for helping at the sale. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to spend up to \$36 on the ad. Joleen will write the ad. In addition, Joleen will talk to the Nykanens to see if it is possible to use the building for future book sales, if it has not been sold. It was also suggested that we see if they would be willing to lend the building for a period before and after the sale, in order to do a better set-up and clean-up. It would allow us to sort the books better pre-sale, and to cull the unsaleable books afterwards. The Friends may be willing to pay any associated insurance costs.
- **Author Event** – Glenna gave the group an update on her efforts to find an appropriate author for a fall event. Authors previous suggested have fees that are beyond what we can spend. There was some general discussion about possibly joining with another library, to share costs, but no immediate plans were made. Barb said she would like to see author events continue twice a year if possible. There was no further discussion as it was getting time to adjourn. If any Friends have suggestions, we would be happy to hear about them!
- Barb suggested that we skip the July meeting, and the group agreed. Therefore, the next meeting will be **Wednesday, August 13 at 5:30. All Friends are encouraged to come!**

Barb adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.