

Minutes  
Friends of Osceola Library, Inc.  
Oct. 8, 2014

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

**Introductions** - welcome Marie Feldtmose, ambassador from staff, **John Martin, MGI Fundraising Consultants, and Diane Moser, Mill Pond Learning Foundation**, as well as Friends members Joleen Pederson, Marian Quinn, Kathie Nelson, Mary Roberts, Janet Len Rios, Maureen McElrath

**Presentation** about new library/village hall project – **John Martin** spoke to the group about the status of the new library project. The campaign will be called “Inspire, Center of Discovery”, because in addition to library, there are other uses planned for the new facility. As has been previously discussed, the Village offices will share the new building, and there are plans for a portion of the building to serve as a community center. Right now they are finishing marketing publication effort, and they expect a display area, with a sign, project logo and printed information to be available to the public in roughly 45 days. There will also be a celebration, in 30 – 60 days to unveil details of the project to stakeholders, including the vision, the architect. and community members who will comprise the “Campaign Cabinet”. Watch for more information at the library and through other community sources.

**Treasurer’s report;** Kathie provided the October report, detailing small deposits from membership dues, and expenses for the author event. The October Treasurer's Report and September Minutes were unanimously approved.

**Permission to share membership contacts** with MPL Foundation— Barb informed the group that the Mill Pond Foundation requested contact information from Friends members. Before releasing that information, we agreed the members should have an opportunity to say if they did not wish that information to be provided. Maureen will check with Kelly to find out exactly the type of information requested, and then will email members to give them an opportunity to opt out. After a reasonable period to respond, Quinn will send current member information to the Foundation.

**Polk County Friends meeting:** at OPL, 11/1, 10 a.m.-noon. This will be an important meeting, discussing how best to make sure libraries get to use technology funds that were received in a recent grant. Please attend if possible. **RSVPs please**, as we will be providing lunch. Volunteers providing food are:

beverages, Barb; soup, Kathie; bread/crax, Quinn fruit, Maureen; dessert , Mary & Janet

**Book sorting & related matters:** Books have been moved to RCU. Sorting Committee will meet in near future to discuss how to best meet needs of Friends & library regarding sorting and moving of books, releasing space for the library to put to other use.

**Author program, Paul Hillman**—thanks to all, event was judged to be successful, even though there wasn't a large group attending. Author gave excellent presentation, and attendees gave good reviews.

**Library tours:** Kelly is visiting libraries that have undergone a large renovation/building project and/or who share their facility with another organization. (**foundation, board members & Friends are invited to participate**) Schedule is:

**10/10:** SCF PL, 1pm **10/17:** Amery PL, 1pm **10/24:** IFLS- Early Literacy Lib: Minnetonka, Woodbury, Roseville. **10/31:** Woodbury, 1pm.

Apart from the event on 10/24, tour of library and brief discussion session with director. Contact Kelly for more info, carpooling available. Nov. dates for Stillwater, Hudson, and Forest Lake libraries coming.

**FYI: Amazon** purchases: soon you will be able to designate Friends OPL as recipient of % of your purchase. More info to members via e-mail at later date.

**giveBig/giveBig** SCValley; Oct. 20—SCRMC 5 p.m.; **Oct. 21—OHS 5 p.m.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.**

**Next meeting:** Nov. 12, 5:30