

Minutes
Friends of Osceola Library, Inc.
Nov. 12, 2014

Present: Barb Wetzel, Marian Quinn, Carole Nienabor, Glenna Tack, Joleen Pederson, Kathie Nelson, Steve Schanback, Maureen McElrath, Marie Feldtmose

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

Used books activity—Quinn reported on recent meetings with book sorters and with Kelly, attempting to develop the best possible process for both the library and the Friends regarding used book sales. In order to best use limited space, we have combined categories, agreed to use the gray, stackable bins first, and to move bins as quickly as possible over to the bank. We will institute a schedule for sorting if necessary as book donations pick up in the spring. Kelly has agreed to provide space for selling high quality/popular books on an ongoing basis. She did request that the shelving units used be of good quality, so Quinn, with Kelly's approval, ordered two foldable shelves that will be installed in the front entry for book sales. Sorters will pull appropriate books from donations for the sale shelves. Sale prices will be \$2 for adult books, and \$1 for children's books. The treasurer will make sure there are 10 one dollar bills in the box, so staff can make change as needed. Quinn will email the wording for signage to Barb, who will make sure that sale signs are attractive. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to reimburse Quinn for \$191 for the cost of the new shelves.

The Friends also received a commission check for \$50 from sales of excess books that were sent to Better World Books earlier in the year. Books for Africa— Barb delivered 7 boxes of mostly dictionaries and kids nonfiction.

GiveBig - Barb informed the group that the deadline for making the commitment to participate in GiveBig in 2015 is December 1, so a vote was necessary. After considerable discussion about the logistical concerns, which Barb will try to address with GiveBig committee members, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to commit the \$100 fee to participate in 2015.

Adult Winter Reading Program - OPL wants to continue—Kelly & Ellen will design the program. A volunteer is needed to meet with library staff and liaise with the Friends regarding the program needs. Maureen volunteered to be that contact. There was some additional discussion about providing soup again this year, and members present felt that the soup lunch probably didn't accomplish what we wanted, and that we were more than willing to provide treats instead. We look to Kelly and library staff to decide what they would like to try this year.

Author program – In April 2015, ArtReach “Big Read” for SCV will present Louise Erdrich, (author Love Medicine), funded by Nat'l Endowment for the Arts & local partner Valley Bookseller. Since this will be a well publicized event, the Friends have decided not to do the usual spring time author event. However, Barb and Maureen thought that we might be able to do a different type of author event this winter, with cookbook author and former Pioneer Press food writer Eleanor Ostmann. The group discussed ideas for timing (Saturday afternoon rather than weekday evening) and the need to reach out to other groups to improve attendance. Barb is waiting for a response from Eleanor to see what sort of a fee, if any, she would require.

Election at Dec. 10 meeting - Secretary needed, as Maureen has declined to run for that office. Friends members are encouraged to contact other members who might be interested in holding that office for the next two year cycle.

OPL 2015 programming in progress – Barb reported that Kelly is hoping Friends would support in some way several Wine & Canvas events. Kelly talked with Tilly from Osceola Lanes about using their patio space to hold the programs. The Snack Shack will be evaluated by Library Board. OPL has food license and Joel has attended required food handling class, but it is clear that it will take more staff time and supervision than it has in the past. There will be a Meat Raffle, Friday, Nov. 14, 6 p.m. @ PY's—money to be used for book purchases

Mill Pond Learning Foundation—Barb discussed with the group the fact that she requested that a Friends member be included on the design committee as the planning for the new library continues. The Friends have been an integral part of advocating for a new library building for many, many years, since before the inception of the foundation. We also have provided funds to foundation as their process started. It seems only appropriate that the Friends, with the integral role they play at OPL, be involved in the process going forward also.

Polk County Friends—Minutes will be sent to all OPL Friends. Thanks for attending and providing lunch!! Next All Friends meeting Jan. 10 in Dresser, 10 a.m. - noon

Treasurer's Report – given, Treasurer's Report and Minutes from October meeting were unanimously approved.

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Next meeting: Dec. 10, 5:30 p.m.