

## Minutes

Friends of Osceola Library, Inc.

Jan. 14, 2015

Present: Barb Wetzel, Marian Quinn, Joleen Pederson, Cheryl Beardslee, Sherry Hanson, Mary Clare Huberty, Diane Moser, Kelly McBride, Carole Nienabor, Merry Vinette, Mary Roberts, Marie Feldtmose

Barb Wetzel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Treasurer's report & year-end report and minutes were approved with a motion to amend the date on the year-end report to Dec. 31, 2014.

MPLF: Diane Moser presented the campaign brochure with its theme, "Inspire." The brochure consists of tentative plans for the future OPL and Village Hall. Although the brochure is not in circulation yet, one is available in the Friends' mailbox at OPL for members to browse. Diane informed us that the Friends will be invited to an event hosted by MPLF on Feb. 10, 5-7 p.m. at Third Ave. Apts community room. Invitations will be sent.

Author Event: Carol and Quinn reported that the planning is refreshments for Eleanor Ostman's event is coming along fine.

OPL needs and news: Kelly will be attending Library Legislative Day in Madison on Feb. 17. She asked Friends to pay for her lodging. A motion was passed to do that. A motion was also passed for financial support of OPL for 2015. The Friends matched last year's support, pledging \$2,000 for the year, giving \$500/quarter.

Goals for 2015: Quinn reported on membership ideas from her meeting with Marie and Steve. After hearing several options, Friends decided it best to try to interest existing members in taking more active role in the group, possible update brochure, update Friends bulletin board, and work with OPL staff to spread the word.

For special events and programs, continue author events was suggested, provided they are economical.

Barb emphasized importance of having a presence at both village, town, and library board meetings. Barb has more information on the meetings and a packet can be forwarded to anyone interested in attending.

Adult Winter Reading Program: Soup's on is the theme. Program running through March 27. The Friends gave \$100 toward prizes which are gift certificates to area restaurants. Additional items to be given away will come from the library budget.

Calendar: 2015 Calendar was handed out and will be posted on Friends' bulletin board.

giveSCV: April 28. Barb will attend planning meetings; anyone else is welcome also.

OPL Summer events: A committee consisting of Kelly, Joel, Garth Olson, Julie Galonska, Cheryl Beardslee discussed scaling back Rhubarb Days and shift the focus back to library. They also decided to eliminate the snack shack since it doesn't create much revenue. They are also planning 3 music/movie nights.

Book donations: If anyone has nice hard or soft cover books to donate, please bring them to OPL so that our sale shelves remain nicely stocked. Also, a volunteer is needed to haul filled bins to RCU as needed. Greener Read is no longer maintaining their bins at Polk County Recycling Center or Amery, although they will still send a truck post-sales.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Next meeting: Wed., Feb. 11, 5:30.

