

Minutes

Friends of Osceola Public Library

8/12/15

Present: Carol Nienaber, Sherry Hanson, Marian Quinn, Kathie Johnson, Mary Clare Huberty, Joleen Pederson, Stephen Bjork, Rebekah Palmer, Mary Roberts

Quinn called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Treasurer's report and minutes: Motions by Sherry/Joleen to accept June treasurer's report and minutes passed.

OPL news and needs: Stephen Bjork reported that as of now the new plans for the village/library will be two stories instead of three. The library will be on one floor, not two. The Friends area will be on the same floor as the community space, as the plan stands.

Reporting volunteer time: Mary Roberts will collect in-kind volunteer hours at the library desk.

Rod Turner has requested the Friends purchase a heavy duty hand truck for moving books. Stephen Bjork offered to lend his to the Friends when needed, so there is no need to purchase one.

Webinar: A "starting or revitalizing Friends group" webinar will be held at the library on August 18 from 12-1 p.m. as part of the library trustees week. Kelly asked the Friends to pay up to \$75 to provide lunch for the day of the seminar. Motions by Sherry/Carol to pay up to \$75 was approved. If interested in attending RSVP Kelly via email.

Fall book sale: Book sale volunteers needed. People who participated in past book sale are encouraged to sign up again. People can volunteer on sign-up genius on the library website.

Book sale flyers were handed out to members attending the meeting. Flyers should be posted no earlier than Sept. 1.

The library is purging and categorizing books to put into bins at RCU for the book sale. Quinn, Kathy and Joleen will be sorting books at a later date.

A discussion was started on what to do with the remaining books after the sale. One option was to get rid of all the books and discontinue any future book sales. The Village PD will be moving into the RCU lower level this fall. It was questioned whether this would potentially cut off access to book storage. It was decided to discuss this with RCU. The point was raised that if the book sales end, how will the Friends raise money. Thoughts were to have one large books sale during Wheels and Wings and not have one during Rhubarb days. This would also free up Friends to volunteer their time to help the library during Rhubarb days. There was a general consensus, to members at the meeting, that the book sales should continue. This discussion will be ongoing.

It was decided that Better World Books would collect the unwanted books after the sale this year. Quinn will get contact info from Barb, she will also contact UPS about their pickup schedule, since the books may have to sit outside until the Monday after the sale.

A motion was passed by Sherry/Mary Clare to spend up to \$75 for book sale ad and flyers. The motion was approved.

It was decided that John Sampson would not be need to be hired to move books, the Friends will do it.

Ideas to keep book sale banner from blowing over at this years sale were to ask RCU if it would be okay to put in temporary fence posts, if not, sandwich boards may be used.

Since the last book sale had unused tables, this year tables will not be borrowed from the food shelf unless necessary.

Next meeting Sept. 16 at 5:30 p.m.

Sherry/Carol moved to adjourn meeting at 6:25 p.m.