

## Minutes

Friends of Osceola Public Library

9/16/15

**Present:** Joleen Pederson, Cheryl Beardslee, Kathie Nelson, Marian Quinn, Barb Wetzell, Diane Moser, Marie Feldtmore, Kelly McBride, Mary Roberts, Mary Clare Huberty

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Welcome to Diane Moser as official Friends member.

**Treasurer's report and minutes:** Book sale proceeds were \$1408.76. A motion to accept August treasurer's report and minutes was passed and approved.

**News and needs of OPL:** Diane Moser gave an update on the new library. As the plans stand, the library will be on the second floor, while the village offices will be on the main floor as will the Friends area. The library is also looking to be home to a Fab Lab, which is affiliated with MIT. There are 400 Fab Labs throughout the world, all of which can communicate with each other electronically. There is thought that the Fab Lab could help local businesses train people in digital technology skills needed to fill positions in the area. The equipment for the Fab Lab is part of the 4 million dollar budget. Diane left a folder with information on the library, including artists rendering of the building. The folder will be located in the Friends mailbox at the library for anyone to take home and read. Please leave a post it note with your name on it, so Friends know who have read it.

Kelly asked of Friends would want to be at the library for Doe on the Go to encourage membership.

**Book Sale Evaluation:** The book sale went well, good weather, seemed to be a pretty steady stream of customers. The one negative that was mentioned was trouble with sign-up genius for volunteers.

Donations to Greener Reads has been delivered. A few boxes were also given to Treasure Alley. It was suggested to Barb at the book sale that a \$20 flat fee be charged to dealers at the book sales. If the Friends decide to do that future sales, it was thought that it would be a good idea to have that on a sign at the sale.

Thank yous will be sent to Larry Medrich, Community Homestead, and RCU.

Ollie Gottschlich may be interested in browsing the Jewish books. Barb contacted a synagogue in St. Paul about the books, but their library already has 10,000 books.

**RCU:** There was a suggestion to move Friends bank account to RCU. It was decided as to put a thank you to RCU in the Sun instead of moving the account.

A motion by Cheryl and seconded by Kathie to spend up to \$36 to place an ad in the Sun for RCU was approved.

Last year Barb put out fall decorations at the library donated by Neumann farm. Cheryl will go to Neumann's this year to ask about decorations and will put them up at the library.

**National Library Week Oct. 19-25:** OMC will be having a health and wellness fair on Oct. 22 from 6:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.. Kelly will be there for part of it. She asked if Friends would also want to come and sit at the table, the theme will be volunteering. Lunch will be included. Kelly will set up the day before. Quinn and Cheryl will organize a membership drive for that week.

**Author visit:** Friends are trying to arrange an author visit from Sara DeLuca, author of "Dancing the Cows Home." She lives in the Madison area so Friends may need to help pay her travel expenses.

A motion for \$150 flat fee was approved to pay for gas. Volunteers would be needed to provide refreshments. A motion by Cheryl and Quinn was also passed to pay \$65 in ads and \$4.50 for posters for the author event.

No date has been set yet, as Friends are still working on this.

**Friends webinar summary:** The message of the webinar was about using different leadership models. One example was to set up task forces for specific events. Each group would decide what they want to focus on then get the help they needed from inside or outside the group. Barb suggested that we may have worn the current model out, and that we could possibly change to a different format without changing the bi-laws until we see if it works.

**October meeting:** Brainstorm structure of the group and what we want to do next year. How many fundraisers we want to have, if we want to change the format of the group, how to attract new members. We will be discussing fun ideas that we can do to make the Friends more interesting to people in the community and try and draw in more people from different age groups. Some suggestions were for a jigsaw or crossword puzzle competition that people would pay to participate in. Also, we will discuss if we

want to continue monthly meetings or meet every other month instead. We will also discuss differentiating ourselves as a fundraising group separate from the library.

**Next meeting: Oct. 14, 5:30 p.m.**

**Cheryl and Joleen moved to adjourn meeting at 6:30 p.m.**