

Friends of Osceola Public Library  
11/11/15

**Present:** Connie Marschke, Sherry Hanson, Diane Moser, Peggy Geskermann, Barb Wetzel, Carole Nienaber, Joyce Robinson, Marie Feldtmose, Maureen McElrath, Mary Clare Huberty, Marian Quinn, Stephen Bjork, Miriam Flysjo, Kathie Nelson, Mary Roberts

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

Welcome to new members Connie Marschke, Peggy Geskermann and Joyce Robinson.

**Books and Biscotti:** Diane reported that 73 invitations went out. Ads and flyers were distributed prior to the event. 30 people attended. There have been 8 new members from October to present, mostly resulting from event. The event was reported as going very well, much more visiting and interacting than past events. Friends plan to make this an annual event. Sherry suggested that next year membership forms be included in the invitations so people who were unable to come to the event could still sign up as members. Friends agreed that was a great idea that they would incorporate next year. A big thank you to Diane Moser for coming up with and organizing the event and to Maureen, Carole, Mary Clare, and Quinn for providing the baked goods.

Thank you to Cheryl and Carole for representing Friends at the OMC Wellness Fair. It was reported that the wellness fair did not do so well, so it was decided that Friends would not attend next year, but would look into attending Women's night, held the night before. It was a much more successful event.

**News and needs of OPL:** Friends is sponsoring both Doe on the Go and Light up Osceola this year. Funds have already been committed for both during the October meeting. The library staff needs volunteers to help with Doe on the Go on Nov. 21 from 11-1p.m, starting at 10:30 for setup. Kathy will help out for the entire event. Another volunteer needed: contact Barb.

Light up Osceola will be on Dec. 5. The library will be doing crafts with kids and providing refreshments. Last year approx. 300 people attended the event. Eve, Peggy and Cheryl will be providing the snack while Sherry, Carole, Joyce, and Connie will provide apple juice and cider for the event.

Act 150 for 90% funding did not pass at Tuesday's county board meeting. County libraries will still receive 80% funding for 2016.

**Givebig 2016:** There will be only one web page this year, OPL will be at the top of the page and it will say sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Kay F. will be doing the tech work. Diane and Connie volunteered to take over Givebig this year from Barb.

**Used books:** Quinn states that they are okay on sorters. Cheryl has been helping and Maureen and Kathy can be called in for help.

Barb received a call from Gail Korb of the Deerfield PL Friends to see if we wanted more books. Friends decided that they would see what areas might be lacking and get back to her with that.

Ollie sells books online and is interested in nonfiction. Friends will let him know ahead of sales when we have these. He will go through them and purchase them , he also gives Friends extra money from what he sells online.

**Winter programs:** The winter reading program will start with Friends soup kickoff on 1/13/16. Anne Miller will be managing the winter reading program and events. Participants will receive a card which they will have stamped for reading and attending events. Once cards are full they will be entered in a drawing for prizes. An unlimited number of cards can be filled out. Anne will be making a recommendation to the Friends on how much Money will be needed to pay for the prizes.

Mary Clare suggested the use of the Community Homestead for either a jigsaw puzzle or crossword puzzle competition for possible winter fundraising ideas. More research needs to be done on this.

**Election of officers/chairperson:** December will be election month. Barb is stepping down as president as is Quinn from vice president. Maureen will talk to Cheryl about possible leadership roles. Kathy will continue on as treasurer and Mary will continue as secretary for 2016.

**Treasurer's report and minutes:** Kathy paid turkey raffle and doe on the go. The 2015 pledge of \$2000 is paid as well. A motion by Mary Clare/Quinn to accept the treasurer's report and October minutes was passed.

Thank you to Alan Saliin for his membership of \$500 which his company will match.

Mondays and Tuesdays from 10a.m. -2p.m. is the best time to stop in the Millpond office.

Meeting adjourned 6:40 p.m.

**Next meeting will be Dec. 9 at 5:30 p.m. which will be potluck. Email will be sent asking members to indicate what food they're bringing.**