

Friends of Osceola Public Library  
1/13/16

**Present:** Merry Vinette, Cheryl Beardslee, Sherry Hanson, Joyce Robinson, Miriam Flysjo, Barb Wetzel, Marie Feldtmose, Diane Moser, Marian Quinn, Connie Marschke, Peggy Geskermann, Mary Roberts

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

Thank you to all who brought soup and refreshments to the winter reading kick-off.

**Treasurer's report and minutes:** Move to approve treasurer's report by Diane/Sherry, with a balance of \$3290.50 to be corrected with a balance of \$3965.50, due to receiving funds back that were not needed by OPL for Imagination Blocks, was passed. A motion by Sherry/Quinn to pass December's minutes was passed.

**OPL needs and news:** Kelly has asked the Friends if they would sponsor the Kindle Fire prize for the winter reading program. A motion was passed to to purchase the Kindle. Idea to buy Kindle through Amazon smile program.

Kelly also asked if Friends will be having a book sale during Rhubarb days this summer on June 4. Friends will be having a book sale at that time. A coordinator will be needed for that event.

The library will also be looking for help for the summer reading program during RHubarb days. Friends suggested enlisting more people to help the library as well as the book sale this year. Looking for someone interested in representing Friends at library's summer events meetings. The first one is Jan. 14. Other dates will be announced.

**New Library:** Diane reported info on the Discovery Center. Two separate donations of \$250,000 were just pledged. To date the foundation has

raised \$1,250,000. The database of potential donors has grown from 97 to 429. The project is gaining momentum. A meeting was held today, Jan. 13 with a potential corporate sponsor. Other meetings with potential corporate sponsors will be held on Jan. 19 and Feb. 3. This is a complex project with many people working very hard. Sometimes it may seem slow going, but things are moving along. A strategic session will be held at the end of January, where a timeline will hopefully be rolled out. The public phase of the project will be in the spring. Verbal support is needed.

Thank you Diane for all the great information.

**Fundraising ideas:** Crossword puzzle fundraiser does not look feasible at this time. The jigsaw puzzle idea was looked into. Kathy found multiple copies of puzzles online that were inexpensive. It was discussed to think of these ideas as events rather than fundraisers. The idea would be to bring new people, besides regular library visitors to these events to raise awareness and possibly more memberships. It was also suggested instead of holding an event or fundraiser for the Friends, do it for a specific purchase, something people can see afterwards that they helped acquire for the library. Cheryl said we table this for now and continue the discussion in the future.

**Library board meetings:** Meetings are the third Wednesday of the each month at 6 p.m. at the library, if anyone is interested in attending.

**Author event:** Sara Deluca will be at the library February 6 at 1:30 p.m.. Quinn will provide coffee, Sherry will bring cider, Miriam and Joyce will bring cookies, Connie and Cheryl will bring bars. Merry, Connie and Cheryl will help with set-up and cleanup (be at the library by 12:45 p.m.). Barb will take care of publicity. Thanks to everyone for volunteering. It was discussed to have a free will donation for refreshments.

**Other news:** Tom Worth, Books for Africa, is turning 80. He has asked for donations for Books for Africa in the amount of \$80/donation. A motion by Merry/Sherry for Friends to donate \$80 was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

**Next meeting will be February 17 at 5:30 p.m.**