

Friends of Osceola Public Library  
3/9/16

**Present:** Marian Quinn, Maureen McElrath, Kathy Nelson, Cheryl Beardslee, Diane Moser, Joleen Pederson, Connie Marschke, Sherry Hanson, Mary Clare Huberty, Miriam Flysjo, Stephen Bjork, Mary Roberts

Meeting called to order at 5:28 p.m.

A motion by Sherry/Mary Clare to pass minutes and treasurer's report was passed.

Chamber of Commerce named OPL and Friends non-profit of the year. A celebration on March 10 will be held in Scandia.

**Give Big:** Connie and Diane reported that the Give Big website has been updated. Diane has written an introduction about the Friends and what we do. With the help of Kelly and Joel, a list was made by denomination of dollar amounts what that money may help fund for the library. Pictures of library activities were also put on the website. Connie has been compiling a database of donors from 2013-2015 and combining that with Friends database, the next step will be to send out emails to potential donors prior to Give Big. After April 1, banners, posters and mailings will be going out. Friends will do targeted mailing. It was discussed if Friends wanted to host a day of event. It was decided that this would be discussed further at a later date, possibly something to think about for next year.

**Facebook:** Alan is working with Joel on the Facebook page. He will send a link to Cheryl, who will then send an email link for members to view and give it a week for any feedback. After that it will go public.

**Library needs and news:** Kelly announced next library board meeting Wed., March 16. The adult winter reading program was a success. Book reviews on Facebook, crafts and author event were all a big hit. National Library Week is April 12-18. Last year Friends had an ice cream social at the library to celebrate. Kelly asked if Friends would be interested in doing something again this year. No decision was made. St. Croix County supervisors voted to fund 100% of library funding outside of their county this year. OPL received \$1100. Kelly would like to organize a social for Polk Co. library directors, Friends, Library staff and board members in early August. Polk County administrators meet in April. Kelly thanked Friends for financial contribution to cooking for kids. They had a lot of fun with many participants. Rebekah is doing schools out programming. This also has been a successful event. Summer events committee has been planning learning programs, Rhubarb days, and movies under the stars. Kelly asked for Friends to fund Ron Fry who has traveled the country and has been to Italy performing an interactive Shakespeare To Be program. He will be performing in the gazebo. The performance is intended for children through adults. The cost for this is \$747. Mary Clare/Quinn moved to cover \$1000 Rhubarb day financing. Motion passed. Rebekah will be doing family fort night, which will be the last Tuesday of each month starting in March. Families will be building forts upstairs and reading books by flashlight. The library is looking for clean sheets, tablecloths, blankets and clothes pins to be donated. Donations can be dropped off at the library.

**Book sale:** Jody and Alan, with the help of Joel, will be working on the book sale. Jody will bring a list of volunteers that will be needed at the next meeting.

**New library:** Nothing new to report at this time. Diane suggested Jeff Meyer possibly coming to the May meeting to give a foundation update on the new library.

**Memberships:** Quinn and Diane reported people continue to renew memberships and that new members have joined here and there.

Diane/Sherry move to adjourn meeting at 6:33 p.m.

**Next meeting Wed., April 13 at 5:30 p.m.**