

Friends of Osceola Public Library
4/13/16

Present: Diane Moser, Marie Feldtmose, Marian Quinn, Carole Nienaber, Joleen Pederson, Connie Marschke, Miriam Flysjo, Maureen McElrath, Kathie Nelson, Sherry Hanson, Mary Clare Huberty, Merry Vinette, Mary ROberts

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

A motion to pass treasurer's report/minutes by MaryClare/Sherry was approved.

Give Big update: Over 90 flyers will go out on April 14 to previous donors, Friends members and other community leaders. Two more emails will go out the day of Give Big. One in the morning as a reminder, and one in the evening as an update. Give Big buttons were passed out at the meeting. Please return the buttons after the event so they can be used again next year. Thank you letters with Friends letterhead will be sent out to all donors after Give Big. Give Big co-chairs, Connie and Diane will be personally signing them. Thank you to Connie and Diane for all the hard work they have done.

Facebook update: No new updates at this time. Questions raised about who will be in charge with maintaining and updating the page, how changes will be decided, and policy on posting photos still need to be decided.

Library needs and news: An email was sent for the Annual Summit Meeting. The meeting will be from 6-7pm on April 28. Kelly asked if a Friend would be able to attend and give a brief 5 minute update on the Friends.

Kelly thanked Friends for their Rhubarb days donation. She also reported that the library staff has been working hard in planning the event. Many volunteers have been helping with the planning and sponsorship is going well. All the entertainment has been planned. The Osceola school band members will be performing the national anthem to kick off this year's International Rhubarb days games. Flex gymnastics will set up an obstacle course, football players will be doing a mini-clinic, Wild river will be giving zumba demonstrations. Kids will be able to have their picture taken with various sporting equipment and trophies in front of a green screen with the Colosseum on it. They will be able to print the picture in the library, then make a frame for it.

Weather spotter training event is April 16.

Meat Raffle at PY's is April 22. Proceeds will go toward library summer programs.

A motion by Sherry/Mary Clare to give the library \$175 to buy the meat for April's raffle was passed.

Book sale update: Joleen passed out volunteer sheets at the meeting. Anyone interested can sign up for an individual task or one of the committee positions. If interested please contact Joleen at 651-434-2577. You can also bring the form to Joleen at the May meeting. Interested volunteers can also visit Sign-Up Genius. The YAC group offered to run a special table at the book sale: Blind date with a book. They would manage this themselves.

Ideas for future book sales were discussed. Joleen suggested a book drive at the schools. Children/teens would donate a book and receive a 25 cent coupon for the book sale. Also turning old books into craft items and selling them at the book sale was brought up. It was decided that these ideas will be discussed for next year.

Tracking volunteer hours and expenses: Kathie has created a new volunteer sign-up sheet to be used, as it will be easier to read. Discussion on having an individual who would be interested in volunteering to keep track of volunteer hours and in-kind donations. Keeping track of these hours is useful when applying for grants. A motion by Carole/Maureen to give more thought to this and finalize at the next meeting was passed.

Discovery Center update: The village was given a one year extension on the senior center grant they received from the state. Diane reported things are going well.

Diane/Joleen moved to adjourn meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Next meeting will be May 11 at 5:30 p.m.