



Friends of the Ogden Farmers Library  
September 19, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** John Cohen, Sheri Cuddy, Liz Finnegan, Linda Tague, Joyce Thompson, Paula Yandow-Reilly.

**Welcome:** Paula Yandow-Reilly.

**Fall Friends Council Meeting:** This is being held in the new Chili library. Paula and, possibly Sheri, will attend.

**Friends Webinar:** The NYS Library Association is presenting a webinar on conflict and conflict resolution. The cost to Friends members is \$25.00.

**Standing Reports:**

**Secretary's Report:** Liz Finnegan asked that the minutes from the June meeting be accepted as published. Paula made a motion to accept the minutes as published. Shari seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sheri Cuddy reported that the balance in the Checking account is \$1085.00 and the balance in the savings account is \$6831.67. The detailed report is attached to these minutes.

Sheri deposited \$100.00 in change in the library safe ready for the book sale.

She also noted that some Friends members paid too much and some too little and she made a note of this.

**Membership Report:** Paula Yandow-Reilly, see attached report. The mailing of new brochures by Mary and Liz was very effective and we may want to do this annually.

We are still considering the idea of on-line Friends renewals but it will take a lot of coding and time to make it happen.

Paula will check with Patrick about doing book marks or quarter sheets to promote the book sale.

**Continuing Business:**

Director's Report: John Cohen

State of the Library: Monroe County did a survey of library users and non-users. The results were as follows:

- Most people think highly of the libraries and think that customer service is great.
- One of the complaints was that the library is not open on Saturdays in the summer but, unfortunately, almost no one comes on summer Saturdays.
- Sixty-eight percent of the respondents, including non-library users, agreed that the libraries should be funded by taxes.

Ogden Library Board: They are working on long range plans and goals for the library. They will discuss their first draft for this at the next board meeting.

Covid Impact: All staff are currently wearing masks. The necessity of requiring patrons to once again wear masks will be discussed at the next library board meeting.

**Possible Funding Requests:** Friends had not as yet made the annual \$1500.00 donation to the library for programming. Liz motioned that we make the donation. Joyce seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Shari will write a check to the library for \$1500.00. This donation does not cover all of the programming costs for the year but it is very much appreciated.

New Chairs and Tables: Thanks to a donation, the meeting room will have 72 new, more comfortable chairs and 15 new tables. They should arrive by January but may possibly be here in time for the book sale.

Feedback on Summer Activities: There were mostly teen and children's programs and some adult programs. Attendance at the children's and adult programs was at the normal rate. Teen attendance was much stronger this year.

Friends Website: The information on the site from 2019 should be updated and the up coming book sale information should be added.

Book Sale Update:

- Sheri still has spots open for volunteers. She will send another email blast on Monday listing the open dates and times.
- Colleen Farley noted the dates for book donations in the last Spencerport Neighbors and will publish the sale dates in the next publication.
- John has 40 to 50 bags in his office that we can add to the amount already collected. We should have plenty of paper bags to use now instead of the plastic that were used in the past.
- Joyce has lots of donations in her garage already.
- We still need more volunteers to help box up the books after the sale.
- The donation trunk will go into the lobby on October 12.
- John will start putting library boxes aside to use for packing up leftover books.
- Collapsed boxes can be found at Fowlers on Wednesdays

- John and Joyce will both be out of town from 10/19 to 10/24. Check with Kailyn if there are any problems.
- Paula and Sheri will come in a couple times a week to check for and throw out dirty and/or stinky books.
- Tables can be set up in the meeting room anytime the week of the 25<sup>th</sup>. Liz and Sheri have volunteered so far to do that.