



Minutes
Monday January 28, 2019
Draft Minutes 2/2/19

Called To Order at 7:02

Mary shared a welcome to all.

Mary Anderson

Attendance: Mary Anderson, John Cohen, Angela Dempsey, Margaret Nolan, Linda Tague, Sharon Miller, Charlene VanSlyke, Paula Yandow-Reilly, Ariel Harwick.

Introductions of everyone, book recommendations, and several books were shared. Margaret and Charlene shared the appreciation from the Outdoor Mission's Coldwater Rd. site for the Friends' book donation (following the Fall book sale), and how other charitable outreach was generated through the donation.

Standing Reports

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sharon Miller

- 9/18 minutes were reviewed by Mary.

Moved to Approve with edits for typos (Angela moved, 2nd by Paula)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Angela Dempsey

- Report presented for discussion (Attached)
Checking expenses as of 12/31/18 - \$2,106.57. Balance, \$2013.16
Savings deposit as of 12/31/18 - \$5877.79. Balance, \$7890.95
Total balance, \$9,904.11

Moved to approve (Charlene moved, 2nd by Margaret, unanimous)

MEMBERSHIP'S REPORT

Paula Yandow-Reilly

- Report presented (Attached)
218 members divided over 17 categories.
Members are scattered throughout the area with access influenced by residence location, convenience, and offerings.

Discussion Point:

A Survey Monkey questionnaire could be a tool to increase membership. Library signage and picture up-dating may also be undertaken. The addition of Staff names was encouraged

- Paula offered to create a sample survey and facilitate such survey. She will share initial survey sample.
- John will look into up-dated signage.

Continuing Business

SLATE OF OFFICERS

Charlene VanSlyke

- President – Mary Anderson
- Vice President – Paula Yandow- Reilly
- Secretary – Sharon Miller
- Treasurer – Angela Dempsey

- Motion made to accept slate with vote of majority to instate officers.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

John Cohen

- John shared thank yous from Staff for new stencil tool, holiday lunch and book sale successes.
- Discussion of book sale – extended hours were positive. The food truck less so as it may have been a new concept offering. The Teen Volunteers were helpful in packing books and were rewarded with some pizza. Attendees were from all over area. Proceeds were the most ever, and the number of books sold was estimated as the most ever.
- John suggested Free Libraries be considered when downsizing book collections – noted one Free site on Town Office campus at recreation entrance door area. The link below includes other sites in the area.
- <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#search/sharon+miller/jrjtXGkPXcBrXZNSxDctf qzqQVxlPMjHhvfjzJbcKfvNMBxXDzDdNpjKstHgQqPzkwQf>
- The “No Charge” for book holds has been in effect since 1/1/19. The number of holds has seen an increase, and therefore, a welcomed increase in book circulation. The “No Charge” benefit may impact Friends’ membership. We will wait to see what impact there will be, if any.
- Sadly, it was shared that Librarian, Laura Richardson will leave 2/22/19 to accept a new position elsewhere. Laura will be missed by all.
- Display Case up-date – one case will be purchased by the Library with the other, as agreed previously, will be purchased with donation by the Friends. The purchase and installation time frames are pending the Town’s (and any others) sharing of resources, outlets, disposal of current cases.
- DIRECTOR'S MONETARY REQUESTS
The Summer Read program has an “outer space” theme has T-shirts available for Staff. John requests \$150 for these.
As in 2018, \$1800 was posed for the Programming Fund.
John posed a donation of \$200 to be designated as a “petty cash” fund should there be Staff illnesses, family deaths, etc.

Discussion Point:

At this time, John shared that how the program money is given to the library, while it may allow more specific tracking for purchases with receipts being submitted for each reimbursement, appears inefficient and unnecessary. He suggests that one check be issued to the library for a total agreed upon amount. The Director then will report where /how the funds are utilized.

- Angela motioned that the requested amounts be approved, with an increase of \$50 to the Sunshine fund, for a total of \$2200. This was 2nd by Ariel, and Approved.
- Linda motioned that the procedure for disbursement be changed to allow a one time disbursement as suggested by John. This was 2nd by Charlene, and Approved.

FRIENDS' NYLA STATE CONFERENCE REPORT

Linda Tague

- Both John and Linda had attended this conference in the Fall and found it beneficial. Its location in Rochester, a plus!
- Attached are the references shared by Linda re. resources for a suggested MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between a library and Friends, and re. other Friends’ offerings, membership, etc.

New Business

FYI AND LINKS SHARED IN PRESIDENT'S AGENDA

Mary Anderson

IS THERE A GRANT FOR THAT? Wed. Feb. 13 at the Central Library downtown. Free but Pre-registration needed! <https://calendar.libraryweb.org/event/4986485>

Discussion Point:

Mary suggested this gathering for anyone considering grants and resources.

Rochester Reads March 26-29, 2019 American Wars by Omar El Akkad Join our book discussion on Thursday Feb. 28 at 1 pm.

NYLA Library Advocacy Day 2019 Wed. Feb. 27 Get on the bus at Lowe's in Henrietta at 6 am and return by 8 pm.

Discussion Point:

John shared the different library systems with 5 varying definitions impact funding, and the need for up-dated technologies. He strongly encouraged that State representatives be called or e-mailed in support of continued, and increased funding. One might also consider attending Advocacy Day.

MCLS Friends Council Mtg. Spring Meeting Greece Library Wed. April 10, 2019

SPRING FUNDRAISER/ FRIENDRAISER

Mary Anderson

Discussion Points:

Past fund raisers were noted, as well as those utilized by other Friends – walks, golf tournament, after hours get togethers, etc. Also, John shared that a library's "definition" may limit ability for on-going book sales. It was felt that a focus should be placed on an increase in membership as well as actual monetary "raising".

- Suggestions made...
A Friend Raiser was suggested by Margaret as has been done in the past with a Friend's presence at the circulation desk to share info and encourage membership.
- Paula noted the popularity of "tastings" as a tool utilized across the area.
- It was agreed that while John looks into insurance concerns, Mary will approach local wine and beer making businesses to assess any interest, support, "how to's", etc.
- Mary, Sharon and Ariel agreed to help with this fund raising effort.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WORKER'S DAY

- April 16, 2019
- Angela agreed to honor our Worker's on their Day on behalf of the Friends

Adjourned 8:40

*Our next meeting will be Monday, April 29, 2019 at 7P.M.
Be a Friend and Bring a Friend
And, DO bring a book to pass along!*