

Friends of the Yorkville Public Library

June 9, 2025

Meeting MINUTES

Attendees: Lara Owczarski, Sue Smithmeyer, Sharon Mix, Kathi Bell, Bobbe Hahn, Sands Uridil, Ronda Githens, Jay Githens, Judy Somerlot, Nancy Aschauer, Peggy Doud, Carolyn Kyle.

1. Call to order - 10:15

2. New Business – Mini Food Pantry / guest Sean Humpage, Troop 40.

Sean spoke to us about his mini food pantry project which has been approved by the board. He and his troop will be responsible for initial build and stocking of items. Friends would be responsible for maintaining. It would be run similar to the lobby used book sale. Storage of any donations would be in the back and one friend per month would be responsible for restocking as needed. Library social media would be used for advertising for donations. Project completion date is expected to be Oct 2025. Motion to assist Sean in this project is put forward by Judy. Carolyn second. Motion carried!

3. Correspondence

4. Approval of minutes from the May 2025 meeting – Approved

5. Treasurer's Report: Judy Somerlot – Attached

6. Committee Reports

a. Scrapbook: Carolyn Kyle – Ongoing

b. Hospitality: Peggy Doud – One card sent. Bobbe has volunteered to take over.

c. Publicity: Theresa Eberhardt – Not available but is continuing to publicize.

d. Volunteer Hours: Nancy Aschauer– 86+ Some members didn't sign in but I know they did volunteer hours.

7. Library Activities

a. Shelley Augustine – Not available but Mike briefed. HB 1910 has passed and is awaiting the Governor's signature. More info here.

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=1910&GAID=18&DocTypeID=HB&LegId=159501&SessionID=114>

Amends the Illinois Local Library Act. Provides that all libraries open to the general public in the State shall maintain a supply of opioid antagonists in an accessible location.

b. Library staff—Art for Everyone has been a rousing success. 13-16 people each time. It's been a great way to reach an underserved community. Always looking for new ideas to reach out to serve our populations. Computers Classes for Seniors has nearly doubled it's attendance! Disney Trivia Night is June 18th. Wood Turning class is July 19th. Hix Brothers Ukulele Band is October 6th at 5:30pm. Tshirts have been delayed. YPL has a new online magazine out. (It's so good!) Check it out and sign up for it here. <https://www.yorkville.lib.il.us/the-hub/> If this link doesn't work, go to the Adult Services tab and click on The Hub.

8. Old Business

a. Vote on slate of officers: directors will be staying one more year. Jay motions, Nancy seconds. Approved.

b. August Used Book Sale: Sue Smithmeyer and Sharon Mix -- Tours of the library would be nice but is too chaotic during the book sale. A sign up sheet was passed around so people could volunteer to be in charge of different duties for the book sale. The jobs below still need volunteers:

Bulletin board and signage: Need one more person to help. The items for the bulletin board are in the meeting room supply closet. Signage to be put up the day of the event and throughout the library has already been created (See Judy or Sue) and will need to be tweaked.

Sign Location Coordinator: Recruit volunteers to set out signs at area businesses/private homes (past placement of sign locations readily available from past events), set date to be put out and to hand out signs to volunteers.

~~**Publicity:** A timetable has already been created on what needs to be sent out and when. Not a difficult task and plenty of examples available.~~ Theresa has volunteered for this.

~~**Pick up snacks/water for volunteers.**~~ Peggy has volunteered for this.

c. Update on other possible fundraisers

- i. Charity nights: Ronda and Jay Githens – Fundraiser at Panera Bread in Yorkville is June 20th. **Go early and often!** See attached flyer for more details. Bring the flyer or show a digital copy to your cashier when ordering.
- ii. Murder Mystery. Many different websites out there offering ideas. Too many and is quite overwhelming. Maybe do a scavenger hunt

for kids but childrens dept already does a ton of stuff for kids. A committee of Kathi Bell, Jay, and Judy will meet to further explore the possibilities.

iii. Membership dues. Kathy, Peggy and Sharon will get together to discuss ideas for membership levels and reinstating business memberships.

d. Independence Day Parade update—Lots of beads for the parade. Meet at the high school around 8:30am. Start at 9. We will probably be walking behind the mayor. It's not a long route. Come one, come all! Don't forget your sunscreen!

e. Update on purchase of meeting room chairs—Sharon talked about the road trip to see the chairs at Geneva library. Sounds like they are exactly what the library needs. They will look at purchasing 3 carts and 100 chairs. Funding to be determined.

9. New Business

a. Need volunteers for obituary project for August, September and November - Covered. Instructions are available for anyone interested in participating.

10. Volunteering

a. Lobby Used Book Sale

i. June: Kathy Brady

ii. July: Nancy Aschauer & Sands Uridil

b. Kendall County Obituaries

i. June: Kathy Brady

ii. July: Nancy Aschauer

11. Next meeting: July 14, 2024 at 10:15 a.m.

12. Adjournment at 11:40