

FRIENDS OF THE YORKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

April 14, 2025, 10:15 AM

Meeting Minutes

Present: Shelley Augustine, Mike Curtis, Kathi Bell, Bobbe Hahn Sue Smithmeyer, Jay Githens, Ronda Githens, Nancy Aschauer, Kathi Murphy, Sands Uridil, Lou Uridil, Judy Somerlot, Jetta Werrline, Carolyn Kyle, Lara Owczarski, Theresa Eberhardt, Lornqa Matcordes

1. Correspondence – None

2. Approval of March minutes - Approved

3. Treasurer's Report: Judy Somerlot (See attached)

4. Committee Reports:

- Scrapbook: Missing yellow folder with items for scrapbook. Will check the supply closet
- Hospitality: Peggy Doud – Sympathy card to Suzanne Zobel, Get Well cards to Carolyn Panozzo and Ron Morris, Thank You sent to Michelle Pfister for donation
- Publicity: Theresa Eberhardt – Posted info about Tablescape program on social media and WSPY for free
- Volunteer Hours: Nancy Aschauer – 120 hours

5. Library Activity:

- Shelley
 - An Eagle scout will present his idea for a mini food pantry in the Library to the Library Board tonight. Measurements have been taken and guidelines for esthetics noted. Suggested using casters so it could be moved if necessary. Some concerns were mentioned by FYL members regarding the type of items to be included and how it will be maintained.
 - The chiller will be started on Monday 4/21.
 - Replaced a pump in the boiler for the third time. There has been a charge for only the first replacement
 - The Federal Government has eliminated the department that provided funds to museums and libraries. A few things that may be effected are grants, RAILS program, Illinois Libraries Presents. Illinois Representatives have been contacted. The American Library Association web site offers "Show up for Libraries." Twenty plus states have filed a law suit against the Federal Government. A suggestion was made to make information available in the

Library lobby. This could be too political. Shelley will ask the Board if this could be done.

- Tablescape Program earned just short of \$1800 through tickets and donations. Approximately 160 people attended. A wrap up meeting will be held and discussion on what can be done for next year. Possibly this event could be coordinated on the same weekend as the High School Spring Craft Show
- UDEMY database has been well received. A Board trustee used the database to complete required hours for a job which saved a lot of money
- Two new staff members have started

- **Mike**

- The third program by the Conservation Foundation was March 23rd. The last in this series will be April 23rd. There are plans to offer four programs next year. These programs are offered free of charge. If anyone knows of an organization who would like to offer a program, please let Mike know.
- This month's Illinois Libraries Presents program was the first by a non-author. Alexis Nikole Nelson is a social media personality.
- Illinois Libraries Presents will have a children's program in the future to be offered on a Saturday
- The next Family Friendly Trivia night is Wednesday April 16th at 6:00 pm
- Carolyn Kyle, along with members of the Dabblers and the Art Guild will have a program titled "Art for Everyone." This is a program for adults with development disabilities. Thirteen High School students will attend the first program on April 23rd. With the help of volunteers, this will be a one-on-one activity.
- Computer classes for seniors will begin on April 25th
- Battle of the Books continues. Voting is down to the last three books.
- Another order for Library Logo shirts can be submitted. Mike would need to have any requests by April 30th.

6. Jay Githens Committee Report regarding FOL fundraisers

- Mini Golf will be suspended for 2026 but will be replaced with another fundraiser
- Ideas for future fundraisers were shared. These include: Find a group of individual sponsors to make an annual reoccurring donation, A semi-annual used book sale, Charity night at a local establishment such as Culvers or Panera, Pizza tasting, Murder Mystery
- By a show of hands, ideas were chosen for further investigation – Semi-annual used book sale, a Charity Night. Lorna Marcordes volunteered to research the Murder Mystery.

- Sue Smithmeyer, Judy Somerlot, Kathi Murphy, Sharon Mix, and Bobbe Hahn volunteered to work on the Used Book Sales
- The Lobby Book Sale shelves will be more fully stocked to hopefully bring in more sales

7. New Business

- The present slate of officers for 2025-2026 was presented:
 Kathi Bell – President
 Jay Githens – Vice President
 Lara Owczarski – Secretary
 Peggy Doud - Treasurer
- We will vote on the new officers at the May12th Annual Meeting
- A vote will also be taken at the Annual Meeting to approve the budget and the changes to the by-laws.
- Judy Somerlot presented the proposed budget. Instead of having Library staff submit requests for funds individually, a budget will be set up for four areas (Children’s. Adult,. Library Services, and Friends of the Library). Each area will keep track of money spent and submit receipts. Additional funds can be requested, if needed.
- Judy Somerlot presented the proposed changes to the by-laws.

Next meeting: May 12, 2025 @10:15 AM

Lobby Used Book Sale

Obit Project

April Kathy Brady

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May Mary Nowak

May Judy Somerlot