

FRIENDS OF THE YORKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

February 10, 2025, 10:15 AM

Meeting Minutes

Present: Shelley Augustine, Mike Curtis, Kathi Bell, Lara Owczarski, Bobbe Hahn, Dennis Hah, Carolyn Kyle, Theresa Eberhardt, Sue Smithmeyer, Sharon Mix, Jay Githens, Ronda Githens, Nancy Aschauer, Kathy Murphy, Sands Uridil, Peggy Doud

1. Correspondence – Received a letter from Laura Crawford evaluating the student volunteers for Mini Golf

2. Approval of December minutes - Approved

3. Treasurer's Report: Kathy Murphy (See attached)

4. Committee Reports:

- Scrapbook: Up to date
- Hospitality: Peggy Doud – Nothing
- Publicity: Theresa Eberhardt – Offered to do publicity for Tablescape Program. This is a Library Program so there is no need for FOL publicity
- Volunteer Hours: Nancy Aschauer – 286 hours (Nancy introduced Lorna Marcordes)

5. Library Activity:

- Jeannette
 - Working on planning for Summer Reading Program – Level Up. Participants will keep a reading log and receive a “tag” for each level reached. Asking FOL for funds to purchase 300-400 rings to hold the tags.
 - Another summer program involves building a boat and racing them. Asking FOL for funds to purchase a boat race “pool”
 - A nature themed idea for the summer is to put Mason bees in Dixie's Garden. Asking FOL for funds to purchase the bees
 - An amount not to exceed \$150 was approved for Summer Program supplies
- Mini Golf (Sue Smithmeyer and Sharon Mix)
 - It has been suggested that the course layout be redone
 - Several of the holes need repairs
 - Guidelines are needed for student volunteers
 - Judy Somerlot will not be available to solicit sponsors and raffle prizes next year

- Jay Githens suggest we purchase a new cash box as the current ones are awkward. Sue will look into pricing.
 - May need to purchase a credit card reader for Android phones, .A tap to pay reader was suggested but this requires the latest version of a iPhone
 - A parent contact at the High School asked for our list of raffle contributors and contacts. Group discussed this and decided this is not a good idea for several reasons including privacy concerns. It was suggested that FOL offer to supply a raffle prize for a High School fund raiser
 - Sharon Mix gave the raffle report to the City. We must keep raffle records for 3 years. We need to find past raffle reports and create a binder.
 - Sharon compiled a list of duties, other than committees., for Mini Golf. It is a lot of work.to make this event a success, There is a lot to consider before next year such as aging of Mini Golf greens, aging of workers, and the need for more people to get involved in the whole process not just the day of the event.
 - It was suggested we research how other libraries do fund raising.
 - Kathy Bell has pictures of Mini Golf. Caroline will use in the scrapbook. Shelley and Theresa Eberhardt requested copies of the pictures
- Shelley
- Board Meeting tonight to review policies.
 - There is a Finance Committee Meeting before the regular meeting.
 - Shelley will request that the Board approve closing the Library on 9/26/25 for staff to attend a Prairie Cat conference.
 - Old chiller has been removed. New one will be turned on in late March
 - Shelley has received 24 applications for the part time position
 - 2/10 is the last day to turn in Valentine cards for seniors to be distributed by Senator Sue Rezin's office
 - LTA student intern started last Friday (2/7) She will shadow in 4 departments
 - Meeting with Public Works to discuss replacing lighting with LED
- Mike Curtis
- Dungeons and Dragons group sent a Thank You for FOL funds provided to purchase additional materials.
 - Conservation Foundation program on the Fox River was a big success. There were 87 attendees
 - The puzzle swap has been very successful. A board game swap has been set up

- On 2/26, Conservation Foundation will have a presentation on pollinators
 - 2/11 is the next Family Trivia Night with an Abraham Lincoln theme
 - IL Libraries Presents Program on 2/19 will be with Amy Tan. You must register to get the link
 - On 2/22 Sharyl Iwanski will present the Poetry & Art program for this year
 - 3/19 is the next Health and Wellness Program – “Don’t Forget – The Science of Memory”
 - 3/21 through 3/23 Illinois Libraries Presents a PBS documentary – “Nine to Five The Story of a Movement.” In the 1970’s, Boston secretaries worked to combat discrimination of women in the workforce
 - 3/24 The Midwest Cardiovascular Institute will do blood pressure screenings and discuss heart health
- Wish lists –

Mike - The ELL program is running out of storage space. If anyone has a 6 ft. bookcase they can donate arrangements can be made to pick it up. When the group formed, they expected mostly Spanish speakers. There are 12 other languages attending besides Spanish.

T shirts with the Library logo for staff have been priced. A local company has offered to supply them at a minimal profit. TShirts are \$14 each – Sweatshirts are \$28 each and hooded sweatshirts are \$33 each. To provide one Tshirt and one sweatshirt for staff members comes to \$1128. An amount not to exceed \$1200 was approved. FOL members may purchase items at their own expense.,

6. Unfinished Business:

The committee formed to discuss the use of the Memorial Fund for Rick Pfister met and presented the idea to create a tree on a square column in the Children’s Department. Concept pictures were provided. Shelley will order supplies and a plaque will be included.

7. New Business

- Valentines Day Treat for Library Staff – An amount not to exceed \$90 was approved
- Tablescape – Will take place April 5th from 10:00 am until 3:pm. This year is a book theme. Looking into possible back drops for tables. Sue Smithmeyer will be working on the FOL table. Volunteers are needed for the day of the event to collect tickets, etc. There will be a sign up sheet at the March Meeting.
- Caroline Kyle and Kathy Murphy will remove the Mini Golf bulletin board.

Next meeting: March 10, 2025 @10:15 AM

Lobby Used Book Sale

Obit Project

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