

Friends of Osceola Library

January 22, 2022 meeting

Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Miriam on Zoom.

Present: Merry Vinette, Kathie Nelson, Cheryl Beardslee, Sherry Hanson, Maureen McElrath, Barb Wetzel

Treasurer's report: Kathie presented Dec. 31, 2021, year-end & comparison of 2020 and 2021.

When Quinn questioned the balance of 12.31, an error in date was noticed; corrected by Kathie. Current balance, \$9832.37. Passed on Sheryl/Quinn motion.

Minutes of Nov. 2021 meeting passed on Sherry/Cheryl motion.

Director's report: year-end purchases, 329 new books, finished East Asia grant, circ about 3,000; change in hours has more people coming in to library; staff staying healthy; more moms with kids; people who miss drive-thru admit mostly wanting convenience, not safety. More browsing, people checking out more materials because they see more. Cheryl asked how our contribution impacts end of year purchases. Response: our contribution is figured into their book budget & end of year purchases are result of underspending during year. New book carts & other supplies, equipment ordered that had been put on hold. Shelby's goals for 2022—get the ball rolling for a gallery of local art, installation of bike rack waiting for village street scape cmte. Signage on Discovery Center bldg. including Public Library will be re-done this year; on March Village Board agenda. Barb asked about orientation for new patrons, recommended a specific protocol followed by all employees. Shelby expecting baby #2 in July.

Library Board: Maureen's highlights--so much more activity in library because of new hours & looking forward to installation of bike rack. Sherry will attend in March, Cheryl in April. Barb shared comments by board member: We are not observers, but expected to represent public, sit at table, speak for Friends & share comments we hear from public.

Book sales: Merry will lead Feb. 9:30 shift, but she uncertain about some details. Miriam will come to get started. Merry, Kathie, Quinn will sort new donations as needed & determine need to Friday set-up;

Sherry will hang yellow sign on Monday & place outdoor signs as usual on Wed. Juvenile NF price will remain at .25.

Kathie—giveBig registration paid, used her name/email as admin; Cheryl will lead & will write newsletter again, send to members, past donors. Webinars are for beefing up our strategies & Sherry will alert us to anything new/useful since she's still on giveBig leadership team.

Barb will talk to Sarah Cutts @ OMC/Reach out & Read about families' use of free book coupons and OMC's need for funding for new books. Cheryl will help Barb with press release about Friends' increased contribution to OPL & our support for Reach Out & Read at OMC. Quinn & Kathie will update receipt/thank you letter to people renewing membership.

Adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Barb Wetzel, secretary