

**Friends of Osceola Public Library, Inc.**  
**January 28, 2023**

Miriam Flysjo called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

Attending: Miriam, Maureen McElrath, Carole Nienaber, Sherry Hanson, Barb Wetzel, Kathie Nelson, Marian Quinn

**Director's Report:** Shelby's report cited annual info/numbers from Dec. Statistics much increased over 2021, not quite as good as 2020, working way back from pre-pandemic. Drafting policy for when to close library due to weather. Donations worth \$9,513.48. Events have been well attended. Adult winter reading program has begun. New patrons: 361.

Shelby is applying for ALA grant focusing on library accessibility by senior citizens (increasing large print, audio, home delivery by book bike, grant is \$10,000 over 3 years, ties in with 2023 Big Read). Grant needs letters of support, such as Friends. OPL will pursue aspects even if it doesn't receive grant. Book Bike needs a logo; there will be contest for naming it.

Barb asked if Community Conversations will continue. Shelby will be talking with new administrator; several new staff in village office.

**Approval of November minutes:** Sherry/Maureen, passed.

**Treasurer's report:** Kathie will ask at PO about reduced box rental rate. Discussion about not needing a PO box. \$100 giveBig registration paid. Amazon Smile discontinued by Amazon; generous gift through Benevity. Motion Sherry/Quinn to accept with corrected report dates; passed. Yearly commitment to OPL: Motion Sherry/Miriam on suggestion to maintain our annual commitment of \$3,000; passed. Fees for MN residents using OPL: Motion to set aside \$500 for MN residents with financial need, Maureen/Carole, passed. Friends will be billed as need is presented, rather than giving that amount to library.

**Library board meetings:** Miriam read Cheryl's Jan report; Miriam presented Dec report: Discussion of wages observed that library wages are still below Walmart's. Shelby said our attendance at meetings is appreciated by members, who are also glad to know where to donate their puzzles. \$500 Donation toward Book Bike appreciated. Wear & tear in library proves that walls need re-painting. Next board meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs.): Feb.—Sherry; March--Quinn

**Book Sales:** Kathie & Quinn will sort/shelve donations; Sherry--sandwich board & street signs.

February Book Sale: Deal of the month—Sci Fi; March—Biography/memoir

Set-up not needed at this time; change in shift times allows for Sat. a.m. set-up.

From Sign up Genius:

First shift 9:30- 12:30     **Leader-** Miriam   **Volunteers-** Sue G, Quinn

Second shift 12:30 to 3:30   **Leader-** Carole   **Volunteers—**Sherry, Carole

Discussion about sale prices for puzzles—will remain at \$2 regardless of piece count.

**Books and Biscotti-** Volunteers to find author for next year--

Support letter for Shelby's ALA grant: Miriam will ask Cheryl to write & go from there.

Field trip to Friends room for "Have You Read This?" selections

**Adjourn:** 11:45