

Friends of the Osceola Library Minutes  
Saturday, June 28, 2025

Present: Miriam, Kathie, Barb, Sherry, Janet, Quinn, Anne. Called to order 10:32 am.

Approval of the agenda: Approved and seconded, Barb and Sherry

Director's report: Anne reports she is working on two grants, one due in July for VOX children's book collection that has audio component, and, the second grant, due in the fall, to be used for backpack kits geared towards children in their first 1000 days.

The circulation report was given, and all the the regular library programs in the library were hosted in May. Books were delivered to Millside, Evergreen, and Christian Community Home. Viewing of Melinda Meyer's gardening webinars was also hosted at the library. Quotes for awnings for the terrace are being collected, and the Heritage Preservation Committee has approved the awning and its colors.

Michelle Jacobs, Youth Services librarian, has been busily preparing and promoting the Summer Learning Program.

We are encouraged to speak out to our reps and attend the Polk County Board meeting July 15 re: Act 150 that designates what percentage of costs for communities outside the Village of Osceola to use the library must be paid by the county. For a number of years, the county has been paying 95% of the cost, but it has been proposed that that number be reduced to 70% which is the minimum requirement made by the State. Plenty of people outside the village use the library's services, and the cut would mean a significant cut to the library budget(~\$40,000), leading to reduced hours, staff, and service. Please support continuation of that 95%.

Approval of May minutes: Approved and seconded, Janet and Sherry

Treasurer's report: Approved and seconded, Sherry and Quinn

Library Board meetings. Cheryl was unable to attend in June. July 10:Miriam August 14:Quinn

Book sale is July 12 due to the 4th holiday being on the 1st weekend of month: YA books will be deal of the month, 1/2 price. First shift will be Miriam, Elaine, John. Second: Janet, Kathie, Quinn Sherry will help close and pick up signs. Prep 4 boxes of books for theFair

Books and Biscotti discussion: ideas for another year- Abby Jimenez, new romance writer, Jason Wald, YA graphic Novels, Carrie Classon, Blue Yarn. Check them out. Come back next time with thoughts.

Strategic Planning Committee: Barb reports survey was edited and offered in various venues for people to complete with their views and interests of what library should offer.

Procedure notebook: Janet volunteers to work with Cheryl on putting it together.

Western WI Friends FB page: Quinn reports nothing new.

Sherry motioned meeting be adjourned 11:24 am.

Respectfully submitted by Marian Quinn