

Friends of Marcellus Free Library, Inc.  
Board Meeting Minutes – August 5, 2020  
10 am Community Room – MFL

Board Members Present: President Michele Merwarth, Vice President Richelle Jenkins, Treasurer Susan Spencer, Corresponding Secretary Paulette Quinn, Director Gloria Weeks, Director Vicki Finkle, Past President Audrey Kearney.

Board Members Absent: Recording Secretary Kathy Annan

President Merwarth called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

Volunteer - list of "things to do" from this meeting. Paulette volunteered to do for this meeting.

A motion for the Secretary's July minutes was approved and carried and will be sent to the Library for posting on the website.

Treasurer's report was read by Susan and will be filed as read.

President Merwarth reported we got a refund for reserving the Marcellus Park Pavilion because of cancellation by the Town of Marcellus.

President Merwarth reported that Jim Shake will do the Annual Financial Review for 2019 - 2020. She got the books to him and he is almost done auditing the books.

President Merwarth reported that we still could not choose any authors for the Rosamond Gifford Lecture Series for February Library Lovers Month at this time for 2 raffle tickets. Rosamond Gifford Lecture Series is still behind on next year's program because of Covid-19.

A motion for paying the yearly NYLA membership - \$50 - was approved and carried. This was due in May and we did not receive a renewal in the mail.

Although the program for the year is set, the Board decided not to print out a yearly program this year because of changes or cancellations that may be necessary because of the pandemic, and state and CDC guidelines. Morning meetings times were adjusted from the typical 11:30 am meeting to 1:00 pm as we will not be eating lunch at our meetings this year. Friends members will receive information about upcoming meetings and events from the Corresponding Secretary on a monthly basis.

- September 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 1:00
- Program – Welcome Back, Bring a Friend, Recap of last year, Looking ahead to this year

- October 28<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30
- **Program** – Mary Beth Bronk – Dreams & Dream Practices
  
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> @1:00
- Program – Decorate the library
  
- January 27<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00
- Program – Read the Shelves
  
- February 24<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00
- **Program** - TBA
- March 24<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30
- **Program** – CNY Land Trust - Gloria will confirm with Laurie Walker & Albert Joerger
  
- April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 1:00
- Program – Basket Assembly
  
- May 26<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00
- Program – Olde Home Day Preparations
  
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 1:00
- Program – End of the Year Reports, Reflection, Election of Officers
  
- August 25<sup>th</sup> picnic – Marcellus Park
  - Socialize
  - Hand out membership packets
  - Bring a Friend

Paulette read the membership letter that will be sent this year. She added information about the loss of income due to covid -19, ways membership can get information about the Friends - library website, Facebook, and Friends email, as well as a suggestion for an additional donation with membership this year.

Hospitality will call or send an email to welcome new members.

The service that looks best for processing online payments is Pay Pal since we already have a Friends account. Richelle is going to get more specific information from Jake and check on the Pay Pal reader.

Susan has picked up the Doll House and will send a thank you note to Ann Lewis. A decision was made to try to sell the Doll House on Marketplace for \$400 before we check other avenues.

Paulette has made notes in the Policy/Procedures notebook. She asked Susan to update her part on the treasurer duties and Dottie will type up her Book Nook/Book Sales duties.

Michele had been told by Jake that the patrons miss the book sales. She had mentioned we could try to have a lobby sale. The decision on this was put on hold for now and we will assess the situation after the scheduled October Book Sale.

Michele reported about the Library Stabilization Act supported by ALA which is trying to help libraries get additional funds from Congress because of Covid. Michele said to support the Library Stabilization Act, go to [ala.org](http://ala.org).

Next meeting – September 23rd at 1 pm.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richelle Jenkins

Substitute for Recording Secretary