

Friends of Marcellus Free Library, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2021

1:00 pm – Zoom

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

Total Membership Present: 8 Board Members and 2 Advisory Council Members

President Merwarth called the meeting to order at 1:09 PM.

President Merwarth volunteered for the attendance and “to do” list for this meeting.

President Merwarth asked if any members had volunteer hours to record but there were none.

Secretary’s Report – minutes are now available online @ <https://www.marcelluslibrary.org/support/friends-of-marcellus-free-library/>

A motion for the Secretary's December minutes was made, seconded, and carried and will be sent to the Library for posting on the website.

Treasurer's report for December, including account balances for today, was read by Susan and will be filed as read.

President Merwarth summarized information from the Board of Trustees meeting – the first payment for the 2019 construction grant was received and work will begin soon on the new community room. It was decided that the library will be eliminating all fines. The library budget for 2020-21 was passed. There are plans to purchase an ultraviolet lighting system for the library to assist with the extra disinfection protocols required due to the coronavirus.

Hospitality – President Merwarth reported two new members. Vicki has reached out to one new member to welcome her.

Membership - Paulette reported that current membership is at 123.

Book Nook/Book Sale –Susan updated fundraising totals for the current fiscal year.

Advocacy – Paulette suggested sending Valentine’s Day cards, thank you cards, or a letter in February for “Library Lovers Month” to library staff to show our appreciation. Paulette volunteered to donate chocolate to the staff. President Merwarth made bookmarks to be sent with a raffle ticket to the Rosamond Gifford Lecture Series for all the membership for “Library Lovers Month.” Michele purchased note cards. Paulette will look into adding a heart to the mailing as well as making a computer sentiment to be attached to the card. Board members

will split the membership list and pick up their “kits” in the library lobby on February 5th to be mailed out by the 9th. Michele will purchase stamps. A motion to do the mailing was made, seconded, and carried, and included reimbursement for the note cards and stamps.

Sunshine – Audrey sent a sympathy card to Jan Caster whose husband passed away.

President Merwarth reported we have 90 followers on Facebook with a goal of 100 for this year.

President Merwarth read a letter the Friends received from Friends member Diane Caryl.

Paulette reported she received some updates and is still working on updating the Policy/Procedure Guidebook.

Historian – no reports from Sharon

President Merwarth received approval to get 2 free tickets to raffle from the Friends of Central Library Rosamond Gifford Lecture Series to attend the lecture by Tara Westover on May 18, 2021. These would be raffled in February during Library Lovers Month.

Susan reported on the doll house donation. It did not get any interest on Facebook Marketplace. We should try to display it in the library when we can.

January lobby raffle basket with the theme “There’s Snow Place Like Home” drawing will take place Friday January 29.

Three books in memorium and one in celebration of a 100th birthday have arrived at the library. Susan will submit a check to the library for \$ 54.58. Families will be notified.

Next meeting – February 24, 2021 at 1:00 pm. President Merwarth will contact the speaker, Mary Beth Bronk, to cancel her presentation, since the next meeting will be virtual.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Annan

Recording Secretary