

Friends of Marcellus Free Library, Inc.  
Board Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2022  
MFL Community Room – 1 pm

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

Board Members Absent: Vice President (vacant)

Total Members present: 9

President Merwarth called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm

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

A motion to accept the Secretary's November minutes was made, seconded, and carried.

Treasurer's reports for November and December, fundraising totals so far and account balances for today, was read by Susan and will be filed as received and read.

Board of Trustees - Michele reported that they are working on a proposal and grant to create a new outdoor area, and hopefully the village would extend and connect the library to Fred's Trail.

Membership – Paulette that we currently have 134 members.

Book Nook – Dottie was not here. Donations of books will be accepted beginning February 15.

Sunshine – Audrey sent sympathy cards to Sara Randolph and to the family of Diane Lawrence.

### OLD BUSINESS

Vacancies for Basket Raffle chair and Vice President

The following documents were reviewed in November and retyped and are stored on the Friends Google Drive and the President's flash drive: Conflict of Interest, MOU, Insurance, Bylaws, and the Policy/Procedures Guidebook.

### NEW BUSINESS

There is a vacancy for the position of Historian.

Michele reported that the Central New York Land Trust canceled, so we need a speaker for the February meeting. Paulette suggested that since February is Library Lovers month, Jake would be asked about the possibility of hosting a Trivia Night activity that evening.

Audrey will contact Diane Lawrence's daughter for Memorial book recommendations to purchase for the library in her memory.

Michele reported that the old file cabinet has not been sold, so she will list it on Marketplace starting at \$40.

Michele reported that qualified organizations may request one 18-inch American Girl doll for raffle through the Good 360 American Girl donations program. If our request is accepted, this raffle could supplement or replace the Basket Raffle. Debbie mentioned the possibility of obtaining a basketball signed by Jim Boeheim and his sons as another item to raffle.

Michele reported that there is an offer from a member to donate items to the Friends. Gloria will contact this member for more details.

There was discussion about ideas for a fundraiser to replace the basket raffle. Another bird house raffle was mentioned since it was well received last year. A decision will wait until the February meeting.

Michele suggested making Hershey's Kiss roses to give to library patrons for Library Lovers month. This would take place on Wednesday February 2 at 1 pm. Roses would be available starting on February 14<sup>th</sup> until gone.

The Rosamond Gifford Lecture Series featuring Fran Lebowitz, is scheduled for April 19. Michele still has not received confirmation of free tickets from the Friends of Central Library.

Jake has made a request to the Friends for \$1000 to purchase graphic novels for the teens program and a new shelving unit. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept this request.

Next meeting – February 23, 2022 at 7:00 pm

The business meeting was adjourned at 1:58 pm. Reading the Shelves and soup swap followed the meeting.

Wrapping books for the library's Mystery Book program, Reading the Shelves and soup swap concluded around 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Annan  
Recording Secretary