

Due to the restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic, with the March program being cancelled by virtue of the library being closed, arrangements were made to conduct the board meeting on the regularly scheduled date by telephone conference call. The platform used for the call had technical issues that did not allow some people to call in. After determining a quorum was present on the line, the meeting was called to order at 4:26 pm.

Directors Present: Michele Merwarth, President; Susan Spencer, Treasurer; Gloria Weeks, Director.

Directors Absent: Nancy Scanlon, Recording Secretary; Vicki Finkle, Director; Audrey Kearney (called in then disconnected to attempt to allow voting director to join), Past President (non-voting).

Also Attending: Barb Crawford, Paulette Quinn.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes as distributed from the January and February meetings - carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept Treasurer's reports from the January and February meetings carried. March report was given, however as meeting was held by phone, print copy had not yet been provided to participants for review, therefore the report will be acted upon at the April meeting. It was brought up that the monthly Book Nook income amount would be useful info for Book Nook Chair. Susan agreed to provide that info to Dottie Levy.

Vice-President: Motion to elect Richelle Jenkins to fill vacant position - carried.

Corresponding Secretary: Shirley Merrill has tendered her resignation. Motions made to accept her resignation/elect Paulette Quinn - carried.

Basket Raffle: With the current required business closures and unknown length of duration of circumstances unfavorable to a successful Basket Raffle, Barb expressed her concerns about whether the annual Basket Raffle should/could be held. Motion to NOT do the Basket Raffle - carried. It was agreed that Barb will contact all who signed up to solicit donations from local businesses and Michele will send an email to inform all members.

Olde Home Days: The OHD Committee solicits community support for the event and lists the businesses/groups/individuals who are sponsors on community placemats. Board is in favor of still wanting to show support for the event despite not having the Basket Raffle. \$100 was sent, as in the past. Whether we will have our OHD Book Sale will be determined at a future date.

Memorial Gift: In order to more appropriately honor Marie Nolan's extensive involvement over many years with the Friends, the possibility of giving additional items in recognition of her service was discussed. Motion to donate different versions (large print or audio) of selected author (Louise Penny) totaling \$50 made - carried. Titles will be *Kingdom of the Blind* (2018), *A Better Man* (2019) and *All the Devils are Here* (2020). Michele will contact Jake.

Library Support: Friends have previously been asked for a commitment to provide \$12,000 to furnish the planned new meeting room. At the February meeting Jake presented an extensive wish list on which, due to lack of a quorum, no action was able to be taken. After discussion of the uncertainties

currently facing us all, motion to donate \$5,000 at this time to support items Jake deems most important - carried.

Library Lover's Month: Book Page Paper Roses Sale - Income \$128

Raffle Ticket Winner for 2 tickets to Rosamond Gifford Lecture Series, featuring author Paula McLain was Nicole Mitchell. There were 36 participants.

Board of Trustees – Books and Brew Fundraising Dinner: Originally scheduled for May 9 at Tuscarora Golf Course has been postponed due to the pandemic.

Policy and Procedures Committee: Until pandemic restrictions are lifted, Paulette reported that the committee will continue its task via email or conference call, after group's preference is determined.

United for Libraries – Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations: Benefits to Group members - subscription to *The Voice*, newsletter of United for Libraries and access to the Friends and Foundations Zone. Motion to renew Friends of MFL group membership (\$80) – carried.

Advocacy: ALA has asked supporters to contact legislators regarding inclusion of libraries in the economic stimulus package. Information at <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/contact-congress>

Library Workers Day (April 21), National Library Week (April 19-25), National Library Legislative Day (May 4 &5): To be discussed at April 15 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paulette Quinn,
Substitute for Recording Secretary