



## Friends of Marcellus Free Library Meeting – 9:30 am

Friends of the Library Community Room – November 30, 2022

President Jackie Smith called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.

### **Attendance:**

Jackie Smith, President; Domenick Patti, Vice President; Jim Shake, Treasurer; Debbie Grousset, Deputy Treasurer; Paulette Quinn, Corresponding Secretary; Michele Merwarth, Recording Secretary; Audrey Kearney, Director; Karen Pollard, Director.

Absent: None

Total membership present - 18

President Jackie Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked people to sign in and report any volunteer hours. There were several new members present.

### **Correspondence:**

Michele read a letter from Interim Library Director, Sophia Brandt, thanking the Friends for their purchase of commemorative bricks for the Robert and Jane Amidon Memorial Park.

### **Reports:**

Secretary – Michele gave the report for October 2022. Motion to accept the minutes was made, second, and carried. It will be posted on the Friends page of the library's website.

Treasurer - Jim presented the report for October 2022, and through 11/29/22 including bank statement balances. The statement will be filed as read. The 990-N and NYS CHAR 500 filings have been submitted. Jim has acquired a new computer program to aid in finishing the 2021-2022 financial review.

Membership - Paulette reported that there are 13 additional members since our last meeting, bringing our total membership to 143, closing in on our goal of 150 members this year.

Book Nook/Book Sale - Dottie Levy again thanked everyone for their help with the Book Sale and Book Nook. 59 boxes were filled with leftover books and shipped to Better World Books. Books in Gift Giving Condition are now for sale in the lobby.

### **Business:**

Vacancies – Basket Raffle and Historian positions are still available.

Holiday Open House – Several Friends members will assist the library serving refreshments on December 2nd, helping at the craft table, and reading stories. The Friends will also be giving out free books to the children.

Board of Trustees Strategic Planning – Steve Kankus and Sophia Brandt have been working on gathering information for the strategic planning process. Jackie hopes to get Steve to attend our January meeting to give updates.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 to begin decorating the library.

**Program:**

Decorating the library – There were many “hands on deck” for transforming the library into a festive holiday space.

**Next meeting – January 25th, 2023 at 1 pm – Community Room.**

**Program – Library Work Day – volunteers needed.**

Minutes submitted by Michele Merwarth, Recording Secretary