

Friends of Marcellus Free Library, Inc.

Minutes – October 27, 2021

MFL Community Room – 7 pm

President Merwarth called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Board members and Advisory Council Members introduced themselves. One new member was in attendance (Jennifer Huntley).

Board Members Present: President Michele Merwarth, Treasurer Susan Spencer, Director Vicki Finkle, Director Gloria Weeks, Past President Audrey Kearney

Board Members Absent: Recording Secretary Kathy Annan, Corresponding Secretary Paulette Quinn

Total Membership Present: 13 (includes board members)

Program: President Merwarth introduced speaker, Mary Beth Bronk who gave a presentation on dreams including two interactive demonstrations.

Meeting reconvened at 7:46 pm.

There were two additions to the agenda – Board of Trustees Report and Request for Funds.

**Reports:**

Board or Trustees Report – Michele reported that the future outdoor creek construction project and memorial garden has been approved. Trivia night will return in November with participants showing proof of vaccine to have snacks and beverages.

Secretary's Report – There was a motion to accept the minutes from September 23, 2021. Motion passed and are now available online at: <https://www.marcelluslibrary.org/support/friends-of-marcellus-free-library/>

Treasurer's Report - Susan read the financial statement from September 30, 2021 as well as the fundraising totals as of October 25, 2021. Report was accepted and will be filed as read.

Membership – Paulette, in abstentia, reported 113 members thus far. This does not include any new members who may have joined at or after the book sale. The goal is to return to pre-pandemic numbers of about 150 members. Michele mentioned that membership accounts for about 1/3 of our income thus far.

Book Nook/Book Sale – Dottie thanked everyone that helped with the book sale. All lawn signs have been returned. Friday night's preview netted \$55 and total sale was \$1,626.85. \$5 Bag Sale will be in the lobby through October 30th. The Book Nook will be closed through November 5<sup>th</sup>. Members were told that they could bring in donations of paperbacks and puzzles as the Book Nook is low on those items. No other donations at this time.

Sunshine – Former member John Lacey has passed away.

FaceBook – Michele reported 111 followers. She has used social media to promote National Friends of Library Week, the Book Sale, and the Disney Raffle Basket.

### **Old Business:**

- Basket Raffle Chair Vacancy – still vacant. May not be able to hold raffle if there is no chair.
- Special Friend of the Library Award – Michele & Jake presented the award and a \$50 check to Betsy Shake for all the weeding she has done to beautify the outside of the library.
- Library Distribution sign up – A few more people signed up to deliver newsletters.
- Friends Make It and Take It Pumpkin Craft – Thank you to Paulette who led this project with 10 participants.
- National Friends of the Library Week – Michele had a poster in the library for members to add a post it note to the column showing their years of membership. Members added to it at the meeting.
- Book Sale – totals are above in report section.
- Book Buyers – Dottie and Gloria will meet with Jake to get more information to see if this is something that the Friends would like to do.

### **New Business:**

- Request for funds – The library is requesting \$3,000. Teen Advisory Board - \$1,000 for supplies, prizes, programs; Special Collections - \$1,250 for parenting, professional development, homeschool, and loanable Nintendo Switch games; Fidget Wall - \$500 for activity/sensory board for toddlers; Library Supplies - \$250 for Label Writer Turbo Printer. Following discussion, motion was made, seconded, and passed to grant the request. Susan will deliver the check.
- Vice President Vacancy – Michele explained the role of the position. We will add the information to November News & Notes.
- Chamber of Commerce – Karen Pollard will represent the FMFL at the meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Disney Basket Raffle – Susan reported that the raffle made \$628. Diane Lawrence drew the winning ticket – Cindy Cook. Michele will contact her.

### **Upcoming:**

- Next meeting – November 17, 2021 at 1 pm for Board Members Only for Document Review.
- Event – December 1<sup>st</sup> – 6 – 8 pm – Decorate the library for the holidays. Those that wish, may bring a wrapped ornament (homemade or purchased - no more than \$10) to swap
- Event – January 5, 2022 – 6 – 8 pm – Time to take down the decorations (coffee, hot chocolate, treats)

Being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Submitted by Deb Fratter for Kathryn Annan