

Friends of Marcellus Free Library, Inc.
Minutes –September 23, 2021
MFL Community Room – 7 pm

WELCOME -

President Merwarth called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Board members and Friends in attendance introduced themselves.

President Merwarth described volunteer opportunities and asked members to sign in and record any volunteer hours.

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

Total Membership Present: 18 (includes board members)

Board Member Absent: Director Vicki Finkle

PROGRAM – Jake Widrick, Marcellus Free Library Director

REPORTS –

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 August minutes was made, seconded, and carried.

Treasurer's report for August was read by Susan, accepted, and will be filed as received and read.

Membership – Paulette reported that we have 65 members to date.

Sunshine – Audrey reported that longtime member, Darlene Garner passed away and a memorial book will be dedicated to her in the library.

Facebook – Michele reported that we have over 100 followers
<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofmarcellusfreelibrary>

BUSINESS

- Jim Shake completed a 2020-2021 Financial Review and made recommendations towards more accurate monthly financial statements rather than using current balances at the time of a meeting.
- Special Friends of the Library award will be presented during Friends of the Library week. A nomination will be decided by a committee made of Michele and Deb Fratter.

- Library Newsletter Distribution sign up – list is located next to the copier in the library for members to sign up to pick up and deliver newsletters to locations around Marcellus.
- Marcellus Fall Home Day 9/18 update – All bags of books were sold to raise \$200 and Disney Basket Raffle tickets totaled \$276. No bottles of water were sold. A motion to donate unsold bottles of water to the Teen Advisory Board was made, seconded, and carried.
- Friends Make it & Take It Event will be Tuesday, October 12 –from 11:30 – 1:30. Attendance is limited to 15 so members are asked to sign up ahead of time.
- National Friends of the Library Week - October 17 – 23 Ideas were discussed for this event.
- Fall Book Sale – October 22– 24 & Bag Sale October 25-30. Members interested in working are asked to sign up for times. Friday sale will be 4 – 7 pm with \$5 admission fee for non-members. Saturday sale 10 – 5, and Sunday will be a bag sale from 1 – 5 upstairs.
- Disney Basket Raffle – Drawing on October 27 @ meeting. Thanks to Diane Lawrence for donating all the basket items.
- Book Buyers Brandon Beebe and Nate de Vita still have not been contacted by the committee. The decision to use a buyer will be tabled until next month and Jake will get more information.

ADDITIONS

Michele reported that the NYLA conference is in Syracuse November 3 – 6, in person and virtual options.

Policy and Procedure Guidebooks notebooks were distributed to board members.

Michele reported that she received a thank you card from Linda Garner, who lost her mother-in-law.

Michele mentioned that we still need a Basket Raffle chairperson and a responsibilities fact sheet is available.

Next meeting – October 27, 2021 at 7pm. Program – Mary Beth Bronk – Dreams and Dream Practices.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Annan
Recording Secretary