

FRIENDS OF THE CANAL FULTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

August 8, 2022

MEETING Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: 5:50

WELCOME VISITORS: Eleven members in attendance, Including board members Brian Sommers, Jon Freedman, Mary Kocsis, Jennifer Stine.

CORRECTING/ADOPTING MINUTES FROM

Meeting minutes from the 6/13/22 meeting were approved as written.

Meeting Minutes from the 7/11/22 meeting were approved as written.

President's report- We have already participated in two community events which is awesome. It does not seem to be a good time to host a 5K as it seems established 5Ks are having difficulty obtaining sponsorships.

Vice President's report- The FOL comparisons previously shared compared the membership levels of other FOL groups. This info can be shared again if needed.

TREASURER'S REPORT- as of 8/1/22 the balance is \$5930.49. Brian and Mary will meet to review bookkeeping. The FOL debit card has been destroyed.

Secretary Report-previous meeting minutes were submitted for approval. Franny is currently out of town.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: We would like to elect one or two members to this position. Brian would like to see a review of what membership means and what are its benefits. One recommendation was free high fives at the library. We should send out a membership renewal letter before the end of the year.

Booksale committee report: The committee will select a date for the 2023 Booksale to be held in the spring prior to the end of the school year. Possible fundraising ideas were shared by members. Purchase a brick, FOL cookbook, gift basket raffle. The friends of the library will host a gift basket raffle this holiday season. Prize baskets will be on display and tickets will be available for purchase during November and the first part of December. The winning raffle tickets will be drawn mid-December. Members in attendance offered to donate a Smucker's basket, a Keillor's teddy bear basket and a family game night basket. Additional donations will be solicited from other members.

Member- Amy Slabaugh presented information she had gathered related to FOL t-shirts. The 50/50 blend would be approximately \$7.97 per shirt if we purchase 50 of them. Amy will finalize the shirts and we will move forward with taking orders. The FOL will also provide shirts to the Library staff.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

The library is updating its policies.

David recommended reviewing and updating the FOL operating agreement. The FOL Board discussed a possible retreat in September.

The library has received estimates to paint the building.

Question was asked about the possibility of selling bricks as a fundraiser. There are no current hardscape plans so there would be no place to put the bricks.

Last week the library hosted three fantasy authors. Next week they will host Mark Zimmerman to discuss his new book which is a fictional story about a Cleveland Indians baseball player.

The new Children's Programming Specialist, Jessica Conley was introduced to the group. Jessica shared information about herself. Jessica requested that FOL members act as judges for the 1st annual Miniature Art Show and provide fiscal assistance for the program. Members will be solicited for judges. The Fiscal request will be addressed in new business.

OLD BUSINESS:

Election of membership chair- no action taken

Dean's Memorial- Motion made by Jon Freedman, Seconded by ?, to allocate the remaining \$287.03 for plaques to be placed on the benches made for the former stairs passes.

Staff appreciation- Motion made by Jon Freedman, seconded by Jen Stine, to allocate up to \$200 to be used for staff appreciation such as ice cream gift certificates, passes.

New Business:

Motion made by Jon Freedman, seconded by Jen Stine to allocate up to \$100 to be used for the Children's Department's 1st Annual Miniature Art Show, passes.

Motion made by Jon Freedman, seconded by Mary Kocsis to participate in the Clinton Apple Fest and pay \$15 for the booth registration, passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18