

FOL 1-8-24

Attendance: see sign in sheet

Called to order 5:46

Adoption of meeting minutes from November and December; motion made by Jen, seconded by Janis, motion carried.

VP: from Brian: cards from library staff, thank you for giftcards.

Jon has organized elections for tonight; person from Stark community foundation confirmed for 2/12 meeting

Treasurer: \$1550 from baskets, no deposits, \$5 charge, some membership dues and donation have been collected. Total: \$7069.08

Secretary: working on access to drive

Membership: ~85 renewal letters sent out. Discuss: not mailing out receipts and cards unless requested, list of members is kept for book sale preview sale, if member wants copy of receipt, just request.

Programs & Events: first member spotlight in January Newsletter;

- Holiday party went well, would like higher attendance, idea: kids basket, if they attend, they get an entry, could we tag on to Christmas on the Canal event? Would have to coordinate with City;
- Book sale- Perki Bean contacted; wrapped books worked well, sign up sheet next week, 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May. Thinking of a fall event for members and staff (Forro's pizza truck?)

Director's report: thank for gift cards; congrats on baskets

- Christmas on Canal, 776 folks through the door that day, 19 new library cards that day
  - children's dept did a Polar Express day with NW primary
  - 61 new library cards in the month of December
  - Jessica has left the Children's dept, full time opening
  - jig saw puzzle exchange has been popular; trying to beef up the magazine selection; homebound delivery program going well; Hoopla and Overdrive wildly successful
  - Imagination Library state-wide enrollment, Ohio has the most children enrolled!
  - the library has over 2000 likes,
  - Programs: reading program for the year (turn in last year's form); 1/13 Robert Burns talk; coffee talk 1/20, must register; Ohio means jobs will come and work with anyone with resume; make-it, take-it crafts
- 1/31/24 staff luncheon, FOL to reimburse

Election of officers: President nominee: Brian Sommers motion to elect by Tiffany, second Jess, all in favor passed; VP nominee: Jon Freeman, motion made Mary, second Peggy, all in favor, motion carried; Treasurer nominees: Mary Kocsis and Amy Slabaugh, motion made for candidates to speak by Jen, second by Mary Ann, voted by ballot, Amy Slabaugh elected; Secretary nominee: Sarah Sanderson, motion made by Peggy, second by Tiffany, all in favor, passed; Program Chair nominee Jen Stine, motion

made by Mary, seconded by Peggy, motion passed; Membership Co-chairs Jessica and Kryn nominee, motion made by Jen, seconded by Janet; At large members, no nominees at this time, will fill throughout the year. Motion made by Kryn to close election, second Janice, all in favor.

Old business: Little Free Library Girl Scouts to present a budget and design ideas for approval from FOL at Feb meeting; Stark co endowment fund to speak next month, come with questions, Library board members also invited

New business: ideas from Cathy:

- Akron zoo passes are expiring at end of month, BOGO, \$194 for 4 passes for the year
- Stark Fresh for seeds, want to purchase an old catalog to better organize \$1195
- improvement for bathroom doors \$2500 per door for automatic opener
- would like to better display comic book and graphic novels \$55.

Motion made by Jen to pay for zoo passes, second by Janice, all in favor, motion passed. Will discuss other items later.

Motion to adjourn by Janice, all in favor. End 6:58.