

FRIENDS OF TUCKER FREE LIBRARY
BOARD MINUTES
Regular (Virtual) Meeting – Saturday, January 21, 2023

Board Members Present: Naomi Praul, Gwen Airgood, Mary Corsetti, Sylvia Lennox,
Michele Mc Murphy

Absent: Rob Reno

Also Present: Lynn Piotrowicz – Library Director
Anne Crotti – Trustee Liaison

CALL TO ORDER: 8:02am

SECRETARY'S REPORT: 2 spelling/typo errors in Director's Report
– minutes accepted

TREASURER'S REPORT: PayPal Account - \$1091.93 Citizen's Account - \$6165.49

- 1) Gwen will transfer PayPal funds to Citizen's account
- 2) Lynn has a \$20 membership donation to send to Gwen
- 3) Gwen has applied for a debit card from Citizen's
- 4) Naomi has access to PayPal but has had trouble logging in
 - Naomi will try to log in again
 - Gwen can forward information to Naomi

TRUSTEES REPORT: Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 18 at 5:00pm

- 1) Trustees accepted \$20,000 Moose Plate Grant
- 2) Trustees discussed accessibility issue and possible solutions
 - the Garaventa Lift could not be replaced so the 2022 monies remain
 - Fran Tain requested these monies be transferred to 2023 budget
 - the request was accepted by a 3 to 2 vote
 - a possible solution is a vertical lift at the corner near the Grange
 - lift has a capacity of 750 pounds
 - lift is large enough to accommodate a wheelchair or a parent with a stroller
 - total cost for this option is unknown at this time
- 3) Deb Kreutzer and John Capuco are up for reelection

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- 1) 27 patrons attended A History of Joni Mitchell
- 2) Sundays at the Library Programs are scheduled through March
 - Mr. Aaron on January 29
 - FEBEERUARY: Making Friends with Pollinators on February 5
 - Marek Bennett book signing for his 3rd graphic novel on February 19
- 3) Resolve to... Series had 7 attendees on January 7 and 4 on January 14
- 4) Games are going well with a variety of people attending
 - about 5-6 play Rummikub and Mahjong has been gaining new members

- patrons are asking about having games on Sunday afternoons
- 5) book groups are all doing well
- 6) Jon Routon is finishing up the window and door projects
 - talking about starting the circulation desk in the J-Room

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

- 1) Naomi will update membership list and send out an email blast
- 2) Sylvia will write out addresses and send post cards to members on file
- 3) Michele will check the list and send out cards to non-members she knows

OTHER BUSINESS:

LIBRARY BUDGET:

- 1) **public hearing on the budget is February 7, 2023 at 6:15pm**
- 2) TFL is under attack once again by anti-library supporters
 - discussed and agreed that TFL is an important community hub (center, building) that connects people to information and people to people. We feel that we need to be stronger advocates for this important resource.
- 3) Michele suggested Friends and patrons attend to show support for TFL
 - Naomi could send an email blast to members asking for support
 - reach out to Gratitude Project participants who might be willing to speak
 - maybe we could use Gratitude comments in some format

ZOOM SUBSCRIPTION:

- 1) yearly subscription ends January 21, 2023
- 2) it was automatically renewed for another year.
- 3) format has worked well for Friends meetings so we will continue to use Zoom
- 4) Friends will pay for the subscription

Next Friends Meeting will be via Zoom on February 11, 2023 at 8:00am.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:44am