

Friends of the Roscommon Area District Library

Membership Meeting April 5, 2022

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:05 by President Linda Brick. The membership took a “field trip” from the community room to the library proper to present gifts to staff and volunteers in celebration of National Library Week.

Introduction of Guests/New Members: There were 17 members present. Linda Brick introduced the board members to 2 new “Friends”, Becky Social and Fran Zvonek.

Reports:

Secretary: Correspondence - Deb Rosczyk sent a nice thank you to the friends because she was a “winner” of the March “bird basket”. Joe and Rita Battocletti sent greetings and best wishes to the library staff and Friends for Library Week.

Minutes - Minutes from the March 1 meeting were presented. **Connie Allen made a motion and Susan Horvat seconded to accept the minutes. Motion approved.**

Treasurer: Lisa Sutton reported there is \$11,011.64 in the Prime Share acct. \$3,723.53 in the Share Draft acct for a total of \$14,735.17. **Steve Remenar made a motion and Erin Layton seconded to accept the treasurer’s report. Motion approved.**

Trustee-Library Board Liaison: Linda Brick reported that she attended the Library Board Meeting. She reported that library staff member Molly has left her position to take another with the Community Foundation. She will be missed. Linda also reported that the board is developing a 5-year plan for action, discussed employee wages and made a significant payment toward the library debt.

Library Director’s Report: Colleen Dyke reviewed upcoming events. There are several interesting things happening in the future.

Previously the membership approved up to \$500.00 for the purchase of a metal book cart. Colleen reported that with shipping the cost of the cart will be more. **Connie Allen made a motion to authorize up to \$750.00 for the cart. Erin Layton seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Membership: Lisa Sutton reported there are now 101 members!

Publicity: Linda Brick reported on the positive feedback we have received about the photo in the Houghton Lake Resorter of Steve and Valerie Remenar with the March bird basket. She also reported that a copy of the letter for National Library

Week will be printed as an “opinion” in the Houghton Lake Resorter. (copy of the letter is filed with the minutes).

Unfinished Business:

Family Fare Receipts: Linda Brick reported that Deb Livingston reported that we are close to having another “batch” of receipts. Yea!

Basket Event: Susan Horvat reported that the basket committee is on track. They will meet again in June to pick up the basket activity for fall. They need non-Christmas ribbon.

FOML Annual Meeting: This year’s meeting is Zoom. Linda Brick has registered and will attend. She will report to the membership next month.

National Library Week: Linda Brick reported on 2 letters, written by Joe Battocletti, Linda Brick and Lisa Sutton. One letter was presented to the RADL Library Board at their recent meeting. A copy of this letter was also sent to the Village Manager, Gerrish Twp. Supervisor, Lyon Twp. Supervisor, and as an “opinion letter” in the Houghton Lake Resorter. It expressed appreciation for our library. It outlined some of the ways that the library is important for village residents. It also asked for our community leaders to continue their support.

A second letter was sent to the State of Michigan Representative, and the State of Michigan Senator. This letter touched on the importance of libraries in general, and of course our own RADL. This letter asked our government representatives to recognize the vital role that libraries play in their communities.

New Business:

Landscaping: The entry planter boxes at the library are beautiful in the summer when flowers are blooming. Barbara Grauer has been our resident green thumb. She has been doing this at her own expense. The board was thinking that this expense should be included in the Friends budget. Linda Brick is going to contact Barbara about approximate costs and other concerns.

On the Horizon- Committee work: President Linda asked the membership to be thinking about getting some committees up and running again after our covid break. Some committees to consider are, events/fundraising, used book sale and a nominating committee for elections this year.

Announcements:

Leadership Meeting-Tues. April 19, 1:30 @ RADL Library Board Meeting-Fri. May 6, 10:00 @ RADL

May Membership Meeting-Tues. May 3, noon @ RADL

Adjournment: Steve Remenar made a motion to adjourn at 1:07, seconded by Connie Allen. Motion passed.