

Friends of the Roscommon Area District Library
Membership Meeting Minutes May 9, 2023

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance The meeting was called to order by President Joe Battocletti at 12:00. 13 members attended the meeting.

Reports:

Secretary-Minutes Minutes from the November 8, 2022 membership meeting were presented. **There was a motion by Linda Udy and seconded by Martha Clapp to accept the minutes. Motion carried.**

Treasurer-Financial Report Lisa Sutton (treasurer), reported that there is \$10,999.81 in the Prime Share account. There is \$1,300.60 in the Share Draft account, for a total of \$12,300.60. **Ann Jordan made a motion and Martha Clapp seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.** Lisa also explained that the expenditures that occurred during our Friends hiatus were all approved previously by Standing Rules and the Leadership team, except for the gift certificate awarded to Julie S. upon receiving her Library Degree, and the reimbursement to Jaime Barnes for National Library Week celebration expenses. **A motion was made by Susan Horvat and seconded by Kathy Wahl to approve those expenses. Motion carried.**

Lisa Sutton also reported that there are 89 members at this time.

Trustee-Library Board Liaison Bobbe Werle reported that the Library Board is considering making extra payments toward their debt as they can, in order to pay the loan sooner and to show the community that the library is responsible with taxed funds. They are also considering some new artwork for the children's area. She also wanted to mention what a nice event the Mother's Day Tea at the Library on May 6, 2023 was. It was also worth mentioning that several at the tea expressed desire to resurrect the wine tasting event. It was decided that our Fundraising Committee needs to start brainstorming again.

Unfinished Business:

President Joe Battocletti announced that Jim Englehard is our new supervisor of the Friend's newsletter. The newsletter comes out every other month. If members have items to be included in the newsletter, Jim can be contacted at: engelhardjim58@gmail.com. Thanks Jim.

The membership discussed the elimination of hardcopy handouts of the monthly agenda, minutes and treasurer's report. The Leadership team is going to try sending copies to the membership before the meeting through e mail, or perhaps displaying the information on the screen in the community room.

President Joe informed the membership of the upcoming MLA meeting in Grand Rapids May 19. If anyone is interested in attending, they should let him know, our treasury will pay the registration fee for 2 people.

On April 6, Joe and Rita Battocletti and Martha Clapp attended the FOML meeting via video. They all expressed how worthwhile this presentation was and they suggested that the membership watch the presentation. Accessing the meeting is done by: ADDRESS=foml.org USER=FOML_Membership PASS=FOML827txRBV! Rita Battocletti gave a short summery of the presentation. It touched on membership growth and retention, and fund-raising ideas.

The basket event committee feels it is time to suspend the basket giveaway for a variety of reasons. **Susan Horvat made a motion to suspend the basket giveaway, Linda Udy seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

The Friends support the landscaping efforts of Barbara Grauer. **Kathy Wahl made a motion to allocate up to \$250.00 for that purpose. Susan Horvat seconded the motion. It carried.**

The membership also felt it important to recognize the outstanding efforts of Jaime Barnes in organizing the events that celebrated National Library week. Thank you, Jaime!

Announcements:

Leadership meeting-Tuesday, May 23-1:30 at RADL

Library Board meeting-Friday, June 2-10:00 am at RADL

June Membership meeting-Tuesday, June 13-noon at RADL

Adjournment: Susan Horvat made a motion to adjourn at 1:10, Rita Battocletti seconded the motion. Motion carried.