

Friends of the Roscommon Area District Library
Membership Meeting Minutes May 3, 2022

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:59 by Pres. Linda Brick.

Reports:

Secretary: Minutes from the April 5 meeting were presented. A motion by Ann Jordan and seconded by Connie Allen to accept the minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurer: Lisa Sutton reported there is \$11,014.34 in the Prime Share account and \$2,906.98 in the Share Draft account for a total of \$13,921.32. Kathy Wahl made a motion and George Clooney seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion approved.

Library Director's report: President Linda Brick reported for Colleen Dyke that the new Library employee, Casey Stone, starts work tomorrow. We all welcome her and look forward to getting to know her. She also handed out the new May calendar and highlighted a few programs that might be of interest to many.

Membership: Lisa Sutton reported there are 101 members.

Publicity: Linda Brick reported that the newsletter went our last week.

New Business: Linda Brick talked to the membership about the importance of the visibility of our group. This is important for a few reasons: 1. To help recruit new members. 2. To ensure that we get "credit" for all we do. This is especially important after our time "away". In order to restart and reemerge strong and effectively we need to "brand ourselves" whenever possible. To this end, a few ideas were suggested: 1. Friends will act as ambassadors/greeters at the door for library programs. 2. The giving of a "door prize," at programs will be reinstated. Example: 3 greeters wearing Friend buttons will be at the door to greet patrons for the Grand Hotel program on May,11. (Ann Jordan, Martha Clapp and Beverly Emery volunteered.) Geraniums will be given as door prize, and fudge will be distributed at the door at the end of the program for patrons to take home. (Rita Battocletti will purchase geraniums. Lisa Sutton will provide fudge.) Similar ideas will take place for other future programs. Kathy Wahl made a motion to allow up to \$40 to purchase geraniums. Second by Susan Horvat. Motion approved.

Linda sent a sign-up sheet around the room for committees that need to get working again. We need to get the 1.Nominating committee 2. Fundraising/

event 3. Publicity...a. newsletter, 6x a year. b. Facebook. c. Outside media (newspaper, radio). d. Flyers (for special occasions/events).

Unfinished Business:

Family Fare Receipts: Deb Livingston reported that we are very close to having our next goal of 150,000.00 for reward. Joe and Rita Battocletti will be taking over soon. Thanks Deb.

Basket Event: Susan Horvat reported that things are on track. The committee is meeting in June/July to get the second half of the year organized. They need volunteers for August. Thanks goes to Ann Jordan for being creative and entertaining while drawing winners live on Facebook.

FOML Meeting: Linda Brick reported on the zoom meeting of the Friends of Michigan Libraries. Discussed was the research done to identify potential members and supporters. Also discussed were trends in library use nationwide, and possible reasons for use and trends. She also cautioned us to keep the “end purpose” of our events and programs in mind, as it is easy to get caught up in the creative part of the event and forget the reason we’re doing it. Linda Brick, Martha Clapp and Sue Glover also attended a “ breakout meeting” about fundraising ideas . The meeting wasn’t really about that, and all of us came away feeling like our little library, and Friends group, can hold its own with any in the state.

Landscaping: After tabling the motion about funding landscaping last month, **Connie Allen made a motion to approve up to \$200.00 for reimbursing Barbara Grauer for planting the entry flower beds, seconded by Kathy Wahl. Motion approved.**

Adjournment: 1:05 Motion by Connie Allen, seconded by Erin Layton. Passed.

Announcements:

Ann Jordan suggested we ask for “ambassadors” for RADL’s May 25 program. Linda Brick will send out email to members and purchase the author’s book to use as a door prize.

Library Board meeting - Fri. May 6, 10:00 at RADL

Leadership Meeting -Tuesday May 17, 1:30 at RADL

June Membership Meeting - Tuesday June 7, noon at RADL

Submitted by Sue Glover