

Friends of the Crystal Lake Library Minutes

June 16, 2014

Present: Sandy Rupert, Jan Polep, Deb Wright, Ann Wells, Jeremy Stamp, Elaine Falzone, Kim Martens, Karen Migaldi and Susan Stone

Location: Colonial Cafe, Crystal Lake

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes for March 17 accepted as corrected. Raneë will attach to the next FOCLL Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Jan passed out the end of April and end of May bank balance sheets. As of the end of May 2014 we have \$11,795.19. The book sale made \$3,869.04 after expenses. Jan would like to increase the bookkeeper's salary to \$15/hr as opposed to the \$12/hr she was hired at; since she is doing such a good job. Regarding the IRS tax filing being wrong, Ann reports that she met with Nancy Gonsiorek, our CPA. Nancy is going to file the appropriate paperwork as a CPA has to do this. Nancy stated that we are legally called the Friends of the Crystal Lake Library, Inc, and we should start using that on our paperwork. Nancy said if we get any more correspondence from the IRS to let her know.

Membership: We now have 111 members. We need to advertise our meetings more, maybe in the "Style" section of the newspaper.

Website: Our website generates more hits when we post photos.

Little Library: The "Little Library" dedication will be on June 17th at 4 p.m. at the Nature Center in Crystal Lake. Kim said the "Little Library" is all over the United States. Deb stated that we had collected books to be donated to the "Little Library".

Fundraising Reports:

Used Book Sale: Raneë is not present. Deb said that everything that is not sold or donated is recycled. We need to explore other location possibilities. Kim said maybe the old Oak Industries building could be used. It is currently owned by Home State Bank.

Market Days: Deb reports that the Market Days Company is going to start pre packaging each order beginning in July. Deb passed around a volunteer signup sheet.

Library Report: Karen reports that 3300 people have signed up for the Summer Reading Program so far. Karen asked for a donation from us to help fund the program. She also said that there is a new head of Youth Services; Jennifer Drinka.

Library Board Report: Kim encouraged everyone to sign up for the Summer Reading Program. Reading is an important life skill for all of us. The yard signs "A Library Champion Lives Here" is given to each

person who signs up for the Summer Reading Program. Kim handed out the FOCLL's poster photos. There was one for each person featured in the photo.

Regional Report: Jan went to the Regional Friends Meeting in Wauconda. No other of our members attended. Wauconda raised \$19,000 on a "Bunny Walk" fundraiser. The next Regional Friends meeting will be in Marengo. Marengo Library will be moving in August.

Regional Website:

Old Business: Deb reminded us that this date is usually for our "Socials" but because of rescheduling it is a business meeting instead. Our next business meeting will be at Colonial Café (space permitted) on July 21st. August 18th will be our Social. The featured book will be "The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry" by Gabrielle Zevlin. Elaine informed that we will have a fundraiser at Culver's in August. She suggested we mail post card reminders, but it was determined that it would be cost prohibitive. Kim suggested that we put our Culver's reminder bookmarks in each of the Market Days orders. Elaine will finalize the copy and Sandy will make the bookmarks for the July and August Market Days.

Election for New President: Deb and Fran asked Elaine Falzone if she would accept the nomination for President. She accepted for 1 year. A motion to accept Elaine as President was made by Jan and seconded by Jeremy. The motion was carried.

New Business: Summer Reading Program. A motion was made by Jeremy to donate \$4500 to the Summer Reading Program. This motion was seconded by Deb and was carried. Jan will cut a check.

It was brought to our attention that Colonial Café would like to do more to help the FOCLL and the Crystal Lake Library.

Adjournment: Jeremy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Deb seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m. The next Business Meeting will be on July 21st

Sandra Rupert

Secretary