

FRIENDS OF THE RINGWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING OF AUGUST 22, 2024
7:00 PM BY ZOOM

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Attendance: Eileen Manley, Karen Marcus, Sylvia Lippe, Wendy Leine, Wendy Sandford.

Chair's Remarks (Wendy Leine):

Wendy L reviewed the Titanic Fundraiser, held on August 10 and praised the two co directors for the thoughtful approach to the evening's events ie: decorations, recipes, background of passengers, etc. She said that she and her family were involved in the serving of the food and had a fun evening. She thanked all the volunteers who helped out. She was especially grateful to Wendy S and Mary Ellen.

Financial Report: (Eileen Manley):

This report did not include money brought in from the fundraiser. At the end of July there was \$23,264.70 in the Friends account.

Remarks from the Director (Wendy Sandford): Wendy S said that the Summer Reading Program was a success, but that she needs more help to carry out the program.

Old Business:

Dinner on the Titanic: Wendy S was thrilled with the event and the response from the public. One guest commented "this was most fun I had all summer!" Eileen mentioned that because First Class was sold out, that they might have been able to charge more money for tickets. It was deemed a success.

New Business:

Paint and Sip will be held on Thursday, 9/26 at 6pm, \$40pp. Wendy S mentioned that the brushes are very costly and need to be replenished for each painting event.

Book Sale:

Monday, 10/14-Saturday 10/19.

Wendy L will send out the Sign Up Genius information in the second week of September. Wendy S mentioned having a "book bouncer" upstairs to check on the status of the donations. Three people are needed at all times: one upstairs, one

downstairs and one at the cashier's station. It was suggested to have an adult helper with a teen helper. Discussion ensued about Columbus Day and students coming in for community service hours.

Volunteerism and the future of the Friends: Karen said the future of the Friends is questionable due to lack of participation. Meetings are ill-attended and getting people to volunteer or to be part of an organization seems to be a dying cause. At Sylvia's suggestion, Eileen and Karen will go to the Ringwood Seniors September 19th meeting to try to gain some interest. It was suggested that Wendy L and Fiona might do a video to show at story hour asking for Friends' participation. It was suggested that a flyer be created about the Friends to be distributed at the Book Sale.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, September 19 at 7pm (Zoom and library meeting).