

Friends of the Ringwood Public Library
Meeting of January 19, 2023
7:30 PM at the Library and via Zoom

Attendance: Wendy Sandford, Fiona Rose, Wendy Leine, Eileen Manley, Cathie Studwell, Karen Marcus, Kristin Calman

Call to Order: FR called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

Chair's Remarks: FR congratulates Wendy Sandford on her appointment as Director, and MaryEllen D'Elia as Assistant Director.

Treasurer's Report: As of December 31, 2022 the balance is \$24,453.41. The bookkeeper's year-end profit and loss and expense sheet for 2022 indicates that we spent the money that we raised last year, roughly \$8,000 raised and spent.

Remarks from the Director:

- WS thanks the Friends for their work and is looking forward to working together.
- WS reports that the e-printer has arrived and they are working on setting it up. The trial printing is of nice quality, heavy weight paper.

Old Business:

- Artisan Fair: EM recommends participating again in the future to sell Friends merchandise, books, bookmarks, etc. We raised approximately \$166 at this event in 2022.
- Snowman Scavenger Hunt has been canceled, but other children's events are planned.

New Business:

- FR reminds everyone that future meeting invites will be sent out using Mail Chimp. FR and WL will set up a general Friends gmail account.
- Meetings will not be held in June and July and tentatively December of 2023.
- Concert Series: WS reports that we received a grant for the World Music Jazz Series. Concerts will likely be in March, May, and July. We will need volunteers and refreshments, and donations can be made at the events.
- St. Patrick's Day Parade and Library Maker's Day event is March 26. WS and MD would like some of our stations to be upstairs. ABG will chair. Setup will be Friday evening and Saturday morning. FR will create a sign-up genius for volunteers and we will have teen volunteers as well. Some activities include face painting, tattoos, crafts, baked goods sale, storytime and more.
- WL notes that to volunteer for the Friends, simply join the Library Association and the Friends, and then you can volunteer for as many or few activities as you'd like. Can be in person or not (e.g., donating baked goods); meetings or not.
- Film Friday: WS asks if Friends would provide some prepackaged snacks for these events. EM moves that the Friends will reimburse WS for purchase of refreshments for Film Friday. CS seconds. Approved unanimously.

-Book Sale dates: October 9-14. Book dealers must be a member of the Library Association (and therefore a Ringwood resident) to sign up to come to the pre-sale. Fish and Chips (or food truck event) will not be associated with the Book Fair.

-Gala: CS reports that 2025 will align with the library anniversary. The event will likely be held in spring or fall. CS will look into availability and pricing for Skyline Manor. Start to think about who we should honor. Should it be sponsored by the Foundation or the Friends? Do we have a gaming license? Planning should begin in earnest in Fall 2023. CS will put together an outline for committees that need to be filled.

Next meeting tentatively Thursday February 16, 2023 at 7:30 PM.

Adjournment: FR adjourned the meeting at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Calman, Secretary, January 19, 2023

