

FRIENDSHIP FREE LIBRARY
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 2021

Attendance: Dee Wolf, Sue Strickley, Carey Brown, Kay Middaugh, Dell Baker

Meeting called to order at 7:08pm.

Guests: NONE

Minutes: Motion to approve June minutes and waive April & May until August made by Dell, 2nd by Kay. Approved by board. Unanimous vote.

Budget Report: The Baldwin report was reviewed by the board.

Financial update: Per Sue Checking \$2,017.31 and Savings \$53,798.97

Directors Report: The participation in the summer reading program was not what we hoped, Therefore they are repurposing items bought for the program story hour, Which has seen an increase. We will increase the story hour to 1.5 hours.

We will be having a book sale on Saturday July 31st. The library has Advertised the Allegany Area Art foundation will be here on August 11th, And August 18th from 2-4. So far, no one has signed up.

We are continuing to make daily announcements on the facebook page. Keyara, from Southern tier health care services has asked to use a Sound proof room where senior citizens can have access to the doctor via Computer for consultation and/or visits. They will provide service equipment.

Janet Mahoney's family will be doing a memorial at Island park on 8/28 and Has asked the library for ideas for a donation to the library.

Old Business: The check has been created for the new locks and keys for the library in the Amount of \$496.00 as requested by the company to start the job.

Windows for the dungeon is an old quote for the glass block and with rising Prices caused by covid are probably twice as much now. Sue would like to know If we should think of putting regular double paned windows in instead. We will readdress this issue at the next meeting.

New Business: Kay and Sue interviewed the applicants Nicole Pepe and David Frentz. They feel Nicole is very smart, has a varied background and is up on Modern technology and social media. She is quick with answers to questions Concerning the library and what to do to bring people in. Kay and Sue both feel she has drive.

David Frentz has a spotty work history and could not come up with answers To questions about where he could take the library.

Carey makes a motion to hire Nicole Pepe @ \$14.50 per hour for a 3 month Probationary period as Director, to see how she does, pay to increase to \$15.00 Per hour after 90 days. 2nd by Dell. Approved by the board. Unanimous vote.

Although David Frentz applied for the directors position Kay and Sue feel he Would be more suited to a clerk position and we will be in need of one when our Summer hires go back to school.

Dell makes a motion to offer David Frentz a position as a clerk for 3 mo. Probationary period at \$12.50 per hour after we hire Nicole Pepe. He would work the hours we are open while training and then stagger hours With Nicole.
Carrie 2nd. Approved by board. Unanimous vote.

Per STLS, all board meeting attendees must wear a mask if not fully vaccinated.

Motion to adjourn board meeting made by Carey. 2nd by Sue. Approved unanimously.

Adjourned: 8:57 pm