

FRIENDSHIP FREE LIBRARY
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 28, 2022

Attendance: Carey Brown, Kay Middaugh, Dee Wolf, Sue Strickley, Nicole Pepe, Dell Baker (arrived late)

Meeting called to order at pm. 6:09pm

Guests: None

Minutes: Motion to approve May 2022 minutes made by Kay.
2nd by Sue. Approved by the board Unanimous vote.

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

Financial update: Per Sue Checking \$6,287.68 and Savings \$ 52,136.56 as of 6/14/22.
We have transferred \$5000 from savings to checking since these totals, because of quarterly taxes coming due. Morgan Stanley is not looking good and unfortunately we just have to ride it out. Young Waterproofing estimate came in at over \$31,000.00. We are to keep them up to date if we want work done.

Library Report: 194 people in May circulated items were 488 the highest Nicole has seen since hire.

****Directors Report:**

Per Nicole: .

We got an update from the Genesee Valley Revitalization Grant and we will not know anything until Fall. ARC grant was approved. We have received the funds for the microfilm project through South Central Regional Library Council. Nicole will be sending the reels to Erika at STLS who will ship the reels to the company that will digitize them.

Nicole would like to invest in some new curtains for the windows as they are dry rotted. Nicole would like to replace the door to the office so that she can have meetings in privacy, we will look for it.

May 17th the budget passed so that is good. The equipment for the Southern Tier Health Care System arrived, there was no white noise machine and Nicole will check with them to see if they are sending one. We started the seed bank at the end of May. A few people took some seeds and we're getting the same social media traffic as the rest of our posts usually do.

Allegany Arts is doing its summer arts program again, we are signed up for two classes one on July 27th at 10am and one on August 10th from 2-4pm.

This year's Summer Reading Program will be Oceans of Possibilities this year through STLS. We will be hosting a weekly reading and craft time on Thursdays at 3. We will also be running a reading program for adults and kids. Everyone will fill out a small slip for each book with their details, and the book information. These will be displayed (as many as space allows) and we will pick winners .

We received a generous donation of a free horse riding session for our summer reading program. It is a wonderful idea, however, it is not secular. I tried explaining this to the owner of the ranch but she was

insistent so I said I would bring it up at the next board meeting. The board discussed and decided that the library as a service to all community members and the general public has to remain secular and therefore we will not be able to give away the riding session as a prize.

Friendship Central School will be doing a summer reading program also and Tyira has agreed to work it. Nicole talked to Mr. Al about continuing Game Club through the summer, he will talk to his supervisor and get back to us.

Nicole Brandes talked to me on the 7th about starting Judo up again during July. She sent an email about what will be included in the program. She charges \$6 and gives the library \$1 of it. The Board expressed their gratitude and agreed that having Judo back in the library will be good for the community. Nicole stated that she had a senior citizen ask if they could be included in Judo so we may have a variety of ages involved.

The STLS construction grant intent to apply application must be turned in by July 8, 2022. We would like to apply to replace the windows in the library with new energy efficient wood framed windows to look as much like the original windows as possible. We will have to try to get an estimate for these windows and work on getting approval from SHPO. If we are unable to get a bid in that time we may have to pass on the construction grant until next year.

In preparation for the Homecomers book sale Nicole would like to have the basement cleared out and go through the books. Michelle came to the library a couple of weeks ago to print out and mail information to businesses about the upcoming library parade. She will have up to \$700.00 of the funds that are available to the library from Allegany Area Foundation to put on the parade.

The STLS template for Terms of Employment agreement was discussed by the board and Nicole has typed an agreement that is specific to her that the board will need to look at and pass. In the interim Nicole is going to take a week vacation beginning July 4th to coincide with her significant other.

It was decided to reschedule the next board meeting to July 19.

Motion to adjourn made by Carey . 2nd by Sue. Approved by the board with a unanimous vote.

Adjourned: 7:21 pm

****Most Old and New business was included in the Directors' report****