

Friends of the Library

Olive Free Library

December 1, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Meeting start time: 4:30 pm

In Attendance:

Linda Burkhardt

Felice Castellano

Judy Chaifetz

Sharon Crego

Tom Hammang

Karen Heusel

Jane Keller

Chrissy Lawlor

Monique Martindale

Lucy Rodgers-Cohen

Henrietta Shannon

Mary Ann Sheppard

Meg Soltis

Unfinished Business:

I. Holiday Fair

A. Raffle Bags

1. Members checked and discussed the material donations so far for the raffle bags and discussion ensued as to how to divided the materials by “bag theme” and what else needed to be acquired before the fair
2. Volunteers to assemble the bags and to buy necessary items before fair was discussed
 - a. Mary Ann asked when the bags would be assembled (Thursday AM deadline for last donations)

- b. Henrietta will work out the division of items per bag; Jane made motion to close discussion with Judy seconding
- B. Kate McLoughlin print raffle progress
 - 1. Chrissy discussed that the raffle was proceeding well
- C. Cookie platters
 - 1. More volunteer bakers would be welcome with a Thursday 7 PM deadline (close of library)- Mary Ann will e-mail baking volunteers as well as coordinate drop offs and make accommodations for those who are unable to drop off cookies at the library
 - 2. 9 AM Friday, December 9, 2022, volunteers will begin packing cookies and decorating boxes for the fair (at the time of this meeting, there were six volunteers so far – all are welcome to help!)
 - a. Tom, Jane, and Mary Ann volunteered to help get evergreen boughs and red berries to decorate cookie boxes
- D. Chrissy passed around the volunteer list for the fair as a reminder for all – she stated that all volunteer slots are filled!
 - 1.) Jane volunteered to assist Tom with book sale on Saturday of the fair
- E. Discussion about the placement/distribution of the lawn signs advertising the fair – volunteers agreed to take and place signs in key locations around Olive in a timely manner

New Business:

II. Fundraising Calendar 2023

A. events projected to be scheduled at this time are:

6/3/23 plant/book sale

6/17/23 garden tour

9/9/23 Olive Day

12/9-10/23 Holiday Fair

B. other suggested fundraising events at this time are:

1. Community yard sale (Columbus Day weekend @ Davis Park or Grant Avery Park?)

a. discussion on feasibility of this – Felice suggested we table this for now

b. Linda and Judy volunteered to head up this event

2. Phoenicia Soap workshop (sometime in March?)

a. Meg conveyed Susan York's idea of calling event "Soap & Suds" as a play off "Sip & Paint" workshops with craft beers as beverage option instead of wine;

1. Felice wasn't sure if this was a good idea as it may be confusing to potential patrons since the workshop probably wouldn't be soap making

ii. Felice is still pursuing details as to which type of workshop the company offers that would be the best fundraiser for the library patrons – idea tabled for the time being

3. Silent auction of fine art maybe with a jazz ensemble (Lucy may be able to call on her connections for this) as possible alternative to community yard sale

1. Monique asked how this event would work

2. Judy elaborated on getting volunteers

3. Mary Ann expanded on how to select and jury items

4. Meg suggested speaking with Exhibition Committee to see if this idea could be merged somehow with a show at the library (maybe for 2024)

III. Chrissy brought up idea for having a Friends group newsletter "blurb" advertising the activities of the group – Meg volunteered to write up and submit for newsletters (December 15th is deadline for newsletter)

IV. Next Friends meeting will be January 5, 2023 at 4:30

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Meg Soltis