

Friends of the Library

Olive Free Library

November 3, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Meeting start time: 4:30 pm

In Attendance:

Chrissy Lawlor

Felice Castellano

Lisa Klein

Meg Soltis

Judy Chaifetz

Lucy Rodgers-Cohen

Jane Keller

Henrietta Shannon

Karen Heusel

(members briefly discussed at meeting opening that an email list of all Friends members would facilitate communication between members – no further action established at this time)

Old Business:

- 1) “Meet & Greet” went well despite the bad weather (torrential rainstorm) with a good turnout (14 or so guests)
- 2) Holiday Fair Raffles (Fair will be December 10 & 11th)
 - a. Kate McLoughlin donating one of her works
 - i. Members generally agreed that this artwork should be its own raffle with separate tickets which can be specially designed (maybe Shea?) and sold prior to the Fair and during the Fair
 1. Suggested that Kate’s book signing may be a good time to display the work and sell tickets since this event is a few weeks prior to the Fair maximizing exposure to this special raffle & increasing fund raising potential for the library
 2. Henrietta and Lucy volunteered to cut up the “special raffle” tickets after they are printed

3. Chrissy mentioned that the staff may find it confusing to have a separate raffle price/ticket
- b. Other raffle bag ideas:
 - i. Local foods gift cards &/or actual foods (ie., honey, maple syrup) with suggestions like local eggs, chicken, beef, honey, maple syrup, chocolates, baked goods, etc.
 1. Jane is willing to make contacts to ask for donations
 - ii. Alcohol Raffle
 1. Chrissy said we still have wine glasses left over from Olive Day donations
 2. General discussion on how to get wine bottle donations (Board members????) and Boiceville Liquors maybe???
 - iii. “Warm and Cozy” raffle bag
 1. Scarf donation could be accompanied by coffee, tea, chocolates, “Cozy” Mystery book, Bailey’s Irish Crème???
- c. Cookie boxes
 - i. Labels and boxes same as last year
 - ii. Energy needs to go into getting more bakers and those volunteer bakers we have need to be encouraged to bake three dozen cookies due to the overwhelming success of last year’s boxes
 - iii. Suggested & discussed that maybe there should be a Thank You List for all the bakers some how
 - iv. Cookie drop-off will be Thursday, December 8th so volunteers can start boxing the cookies
- d. Chrissy reviewed the vendor counts so far – numbers look good so far

New Business:

- 1) Felice suggested a “Sip & Paint” idea with a twist for a fund raiser
 - a. She suggested a local company that could do a “Soap Workshop” by Phoenicia Soap Company
 - i. She passed around the flyer from the company
 - ii. This event would probably be a Hydrosol Distillation (locally sourced botanicals would be converted into custom-made hydrosols for aromatherapy, skin care, and room/linen sprays)
 - iii. Aiming for sometime in early spring when local residents may be looking for something different to do to combat “Cabin Fever” – idea shelved for time being
- 2) 2023 Fundraising Calendar
 - a. Henrietta & Felice will start organizing concrete concepts for the next calendar year
 - b. Susan York had approached Meg at last board meeting about having local authors as a panel discussion, book readings/signings, etc. as a way to generate interest in local writers

- i. Chrissy said Susan had been in touch with her also & this concept is more toward programing rather than fund raising

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm

Minutes submitted by Meg Soltis on November 8, 2022