

Friends of the Library

Olive Free Library

Date: March 2, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Meeting start time: 4:32 PM

In Attendance:

Sharon Crego
Carla Fjeld
Karen Heusel
Jane Keller
Lisa Klein
Chrissy Lawlor
Joy Levy
Monique Martindale
Pike Normann
Mary Ann Shepard

Old Business

1. Silent Art Auction

- a. The silent art auction fundraiser will conclude at the first Piano Plus! Concert Series on Saturday March 11, 2023
- b. Thank you to Mary Ann, Felice and Shea for their help with the auction pamphlet. These have been printed along with catalogs and both are posted on the Library's website
- c. All except two of the auction items are on display in the glass enclosure in the Library vestibule. Mary Ann will follow up with the two artists regarding those remaining pieces
- d. On the day of the auction all items will be displayed on a table in the Library alongside clipboards with the coordinating bidding sheets
- e. Discussion re having a five minute warning before collecting the bidding sheets and announcing winners during the concert intermission which Mary Ann suggested be at least 20 minutes long

- f. Bidding began March 1st both by email and in person. A binder containing bidding sheets is available at the Library front desk
 - g. Mary Ann suggested some members be present at the concert/auction to direct patrons, answer any questions, and encourage bidding; Clara and Jane volunteered
2. Membership Drive
- a. Thank you to Monique and Shea for updating the design for the membership cards. Chrissy will order them next week.
3. Library Fair
- a. Chrissy has contacted the Girl Scouts regarding their participation in the plant sale; they will grow basil and zinnias
 - b. Chrissy will meet with Henrietta and the staff regarding the details of the fair, activities, etc. Friends members will prepare for the plant sale and the book sale.
 - c. The book sale will consist of substantially fewer books than last year since there was insufficient storage for the large number of unsold books
 - d. Discussion regarding the formation of a subcommittee of volunteers to accept donations at specific times so they can look through the books and decide which to keep; donors must take back the remaining books. Tom may be able to provide guidelines as to the kinds of books to accept; Joy, Karen, Lisa and Monique volunteered to be on the subcommittee. Further discussion re book sale postponed until Tom is present
 - e, Mary Ann suggested members begin soon if starting plants with seeds or divisions. She will send an email reminding when to start and when donations will be accepted

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 PM

Minutes submitted by Karen Heusel on March 7, 2023