

Friends of the Library

Olive Free Library

April 13, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Meeting start time: 4:30 pm

In Attendance:

Judy Chaifetz

Carla Fjeld

Tom Hammang

Chrissy Lawlor

Joy Levy (new member)

Pike Normann

Henrietta Shannon

Mary Ann Sheppard

Meg Soltis

\*no attendees via Zoom

Votes:

- 1) After a discussion, Mary Ann made a motion to purchase new couches and easy chairs (industrial quality w/ wheels for easy moving) for the Community Room from Friends funds – Henrietta seconded. Three thousand dollars will be allocated from the Friends account with supplement from the library reserve as needed.
- 2) Library Fair lawn signs will be purchased to help advertise June's Library Fair – Pike asked about reusability of the signs (yes...they can be reused) and Mary Ann will investigate some options for purchasing these signs – the total cost should be around \$100 for 8 signs. Further discussion ensued about other forms of advertising for the Fair including buying ad space in Hudson Valley One as well as free community calendars, etc. – discussion will continue at the next meeting. Group voted to spend up to \$150 on yard signs.

Old Business:

- 1) Art Auction – Mary Ann thanked all who were involved in making the auction such a success earning over \$1,000 for the Library Friends Group
- 2) Library Fair – discussion about length of fair hours with general consensus that the Fair can run from 10 am until 3 pm since most people noticed the last hour was very quiet last year
  - a. Henrietta provided details about the Fair regarding food, music and activities with more of a focus on a fair atmosphere rather than a book sale like last year
  - b. Volunteer list for various stations will be available since there will be more activity areas
  - c. Plant sale will have a wide range of plants and volunteers (Harold C., Mary Ann, and Girl Scouts) have started a coordinated effort for growing the seedlings again
  - d. Tom discussed the details for the book sale which will be smaller in scale this year
    - i. Book donation guidelines will be available and donations will start being accepted Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 12 pm
    - ii. Discussion about trying the “bag of books” bargains at the end of the Fair

New Business:

- 1) Hannaford in West Hurley is featuring the Olive Free Library in their shopping bag purchase fund raising - \$2.50 per bag & \$1.00 goes to OFL
- 2) Annual Report, Friends Group Membership campaign, and May/June Rack Cards will be mailed together by end of April – volunteers will be needed to stuff envelopes

Judy made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Chrissy seconded the motion

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm

Minutes submitted by Meg Soltis on Friday, April 14, 2023