

## Friends of the Library Olive Free Library

### Meeting Minutes

Date: 2/01/2024

Meeting start time: 4:35 pm

In Attendance were 14 Friends:

Carla Fjeld  
Chris Rubic  
Felice Castellano  
Henrietta Shannon  
Jane Keller  
Joy Levy  
Judy Chaifetz  
Karen Heusel  
Kim Daley  
Mary Ann Shepard  
Meg Soltis  
Melissa McHugh  
Monique Martindale  
Pike Normann-Rios

Minutes:

Minutes of January 4, 2024 Meeting: Mary Ann moved for approval, Henrietta seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report and :Funds

1. Monique presented the Treasurer's Report balance as of January 31, 2024 as \$4,436.01
2. Jane moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Henrietta seconded, Motion carried unanimously.
3. OFL Board member, Kim Daley addressed the Friends Group regarding the updated options for making donations to the library on the library website. This is in conjunction with the Library's engaging the service of "Free Will" to help facilitate Legacy Donations. This program spurred the Board to look at ways to making all donations to the library easier. The site "Give Butter" was recommended by Free Will and this has now been set up on the OFL website with a "Donate" button. Kim went on to explain that the "Give Butter" account could be used by the Friends Group for our various fund raisers. We would be able to have a separate section within the OFL account.

## Old Business:

- 1) Dolly Parton Imagination Library
  - a. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library program is up and running. Joy reported that thus far 8 children have signed up. Discussion was made regarding further advertising of the program. Melissa reported that staff will have information on the program at various library events.
- 2) Little Free Library
  - a. Where to place the Little Free Library is still under discussion. Locations discussed or considered are Olive Transfer Station, Olive's on Route 28.

## New Business:

- 1) Melissa reported an expenditure of \$4949.70 for new furniture (2 chairs, 1 sofa, 1 laptop stand). That amount is being paid from cookie sales and holiday fare plus the \$2,647.00 the Board of Trustees pledged as matching funds.
- 2) Advocacy Day is February 7, and will be celebrated in Albany. Friends will help pay for the bus.
- 3) Assistance for organizing used books that are donated to the Library and offered for sale is needed. The following volunteered to help:
  - a. Judy
  - b. Joy
  - c. Chris
  - d. Carla
- 4) Fund raiser ideas
  - Story Tellers
    - a. Jonathan Kruk is a story teller, can tell stories about Catskill lore, Rip vanWinkle. Melissa has contact info.
    - b. Karen Pillsworth is a local (Kingston) story teller. Pike has details.
    - c. Frank Marquette is a murder mystery story teller, and could offer a Murder Café. Felice has details
    - d. Event could include hors d'oeuvres

### Taste of the Catskills

- a. Local restaurants would bring food and alcoholic beverages. Discussion needs to include consideration of relevant regulations governing food and alcohol sales.

Library Fair—possible activities are as follows but the issue was tabled for now, pending more consideration and formation of committees to get all planned and organized

- a. Plant and Book sales
- b. Raffle bags
- c. Music and food
- d. Face Painting

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm

Minutes submitted by Carla Fjeld on February 12, 2024