

FRIENDS OF THE INDIAN RIVER AREA LIBRARY

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by Karen Hill.

Present: Bob Schultz, Sally Bataran, Karen Hill, Jill Sager, Kristina Moutrie, Colleen Schwartz, Trudy Maves, Sue McPherson, Erin Dubois, Monica Long, and Kelsey Rutkowski.

Minutes:

The September minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer Report:

Savings Balance: \$917.40 – as of 9/30/2022

Checking Balance: \$9,473.18 – as of 9/30/2022

The Treasurer Report was approved as written.

\$1,000 was given to the library to use at their discretion because the balance is over \$10,000 in the Friend account.

Director's Report:

Kelsey Rutkowski has been talking to the high school principal. She discussed four things.

1. Club for the teens.
2. Students volunteering to read to children.
3. Host an event at the school with the public invited. This would be right after school.
4. Spirit week – advertise the library on the back of a t-shirt. The name, address, and website would be on the back of the shirt. This would cost \$209. The Friends will pay for the advertising.

She also talked to the Kiwanis group. They want to know what they can do to help the library. They would like a wish list and what they can give in money.

Library Board's Representative Report:

The 5-year strategic plan meetings will continue. The next one is Tuesday, October 25, 2022.

The Library Board wants to order more hotspots.

The Library Board would like volunteers from the other townships (Ellis, Mentor, Burt, Walker, and Kohler) to attend our Library Board meetings as well as a volunteers from our library to attend the other township meetings. We want to find out what they like about our library and what they would like to see there. We want to build a relationship with them.

President's Report:

Old Business:

Friends Membership Letter Mailing – All envelopes have been mailed and we are getting returns. The mass mailing cost was \$101.36.

Mahjong Tournament – There were 8 tables of players. The players asked that we have it again. We will hold it in September 2023. The tournament brought in \$505 in entry fees minus \$50 that was paid out to the 2nd place winner.

Elementary Library – Friends have continued to help in the library. They are doing this as school volunteers not as Friends.

National Friends Week is October 17 – 22. A logo contest will be held. It is open to everyone. There will be a \$150 Visa card prize for the winner. It will be held October 16 – November 16. The contest will be advertised at the schools, the home page of the website, and other social media places. The rules were reviewed by the Friends. The winner will be announced by the second Tuesday in December.

Homebound Book Delivery: This program has started again for the season. One person will do it for a month and then another will do the deliveries the next month. There will be three deliveries in November and three in December. Thursday is the day that the deliveries will be made. The library will contact the driver if there are deliveries to make. If there are 5 Thursdays in the month, Karen Hill will do the fifth week.

New Business:

Treasurer Replacement: A motion was made and passed to have Sue McPherson take over as treasurer of the Friends in January. She will get with Bob Schultz to learn the process. She will have to get access to the banking accounts.

Wine with Friends: We are looking to hold this at North Star or Howe Marina to keep it local. It will be on a Sunday in May of 2023 from 4 pm – 6 pm. We will get the wine from Ken's. Soft drinks will be served also. More discussion will take place on this.

Memorandum of Understanding: We will go over this in the future and make any changes needed. This may be in January.

We have two new people attending the Friends meeting:

Monica Long – monicalong13@hotmail.com

Erin Dubois – edubois@inlandlakes.org

Motion made and accepted to adjourn at 12:25 pm.

The next Friends of the Library Meeting will be November 10, 2022 at 11:00 am.