

MEETING MINUTES

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Date: January 15, 2025

Time: 2:00 pm

Meeting called to order by: Liz Winters

IN ATTENDANCE

Liz Winters, Ila Schnackel, Michele Smith-Link, Margaret Allen, Rebecca Rhoney, Becky Burns, Angelina DiMascio, Linda Belfield, Christa Lutz, Sally Chausse, Amy Monti

Approval of minutes

Secretary's Report- December meeting minutes were amended to change the suggestion of a book sale in May to include garage sale. Approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report – Nothing new to report.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Linda has begun the process of sorting books in the basement for the upcoming sale. She thanked everyone who helped her on Jan. 6th. The basement is full to overloaded. We may have to consider a moratorium on accepting book donations. For now, we will keep an eye on the situation and continue to accept books. In February we will start sorting garage sale items. We will organize a committee for the sale in March.

Upcoming Events

Nothing currently planned.

Board Update

Next Board Meeting – January 20, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Angelina

Jen Coburn - Julie, the owner of the Author's Note bookstore in Medina will be here to sell Jen's books. Patrons will be able to purchase books online. The credit card policy is with the library board, not NIOGA. The details are still being sorted out. Angelina will suggest to the board that we need a credit card policy, as she is interested in continuing to have author's events at the library. Angelina requested, and the Friends approved providing the refreshments for the event. The Friends will pay for the

purchase of 30 cookies at \$2.50 each from Rolling Pin Bakery and provide K-cups and water for beverages.

Justice League – Angelina requested a donation of \$50 for the event on Saturday, Feb. 1. Becky B. made a motion to increase the donation to \$100. Seconded by Amy Monti and approved by unanimous vote.

Children/ Teen Summer Reading Program- Angelina requested that the Friends purchase prizes which will be two craft kits for winners in the children's category, and gift cards for the teens. The total cost will be \$62. Ila made a motion to approve, and Linda seconded. Approved by the group.

February Calendar - Angelina provided a copy of the February calendar. She requested volunteers for the Master Builders Lego club every Thursday at 4:30. Margaret will cover Feb.6; Michele will take the 13 and 20th. She also requested a volunteer for the Teen/ Tween craft night on Feb. 12. Becky B. will help out that night.

Michele/ Margaret

They are still looking into getting more background information about the art sculpture in front of the library. There has been no paperwork found, so it was probably a gift or donation. It will probably be relocated.

The village controls the zoning codes, not the Fire Department, so they will be contacting Brian Belson to get clarification on the room capacity for the author's night event.

The Middleport Beautification committee hasn't met since December. Michele will have more information about upcoming events within a few days.

The local municipalities have begun early planning for the upcoming Bicentennial celebration of the Erie Canal. This is still in the very early stages. Michele will give us any new information that she receives at the next meeting.

Ila

Ila is going to discuss decorating plans for Valentine's and Saint Patrick's Day with Ellen and Terry. They will come up with a plan.

Liz (chair)

Reminded the group that there is no meeting in February.

She asked the group to continue to brainstorm ideas for bringing more community involvement into the library. This will be an ongoing discussion, with members encouraged to bring thoughts and ideas to the next meeting.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be on March 19th at 2:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Rhoney