

## Minutes

Friends of Seymour Public Library District Meeting

January 15, 2014

Seymour Library; 6:00 pm

**Present:** Anne Mlod, President; John Kingsley, Vice-President; Katie Latanyshyn, Secretary; Marcia Walsh, Treasurer; Lisa Carr, Library Director; Leigh Romano, Programming Librarian; Patsy Myers; Joan Plis; Joan Sigona; Carolyn Hiza; Priscilla Murphy; Kathy Kruger; Mary Haberlau; Lisa Sigona; Mary Gomoll-Granicz

**Absent:** Pat Messina

**Approval of Minutes:** Marcia moved to accept the minutes, and Anne seconded.

**Secretary's Report:** Katie read a thank you letter from Michelle Crosby, the children's librarian, thanking the Friends for their donation to purchase Legos for the Lego club. Katie also read a newspaper clipping sent to Mary Gomoll-Granicz from Senator Gary Finch on her becoming the 100<sup>th</sup> Friends member.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report was presented by Marcia and is on file with Katie.

**Library Report:** Lisa reported that the Lego club was a success, and encouraged Friends members to walk through the library to see what the children have made so far. She brought up that all non-profits are now required by law to have a conflict of interest statement, which the Friends will be required to develop. She will be presenting the library's strategic plan to the Board of Trustees at their January meeting, as well as their proposed new logo. She will also be meeting with the Building Committee to determine how to best plan the redesign of the library's space. Finally, Library Legislative Day in Albany has been moved to February 26.

**Library Board Report:** There is no report.

### Old Business

1. The discussion of the program on Barney paintings was revisited. It was decided that the program should be held at the library itself to promote the library.
2. The money given to the Lego club was discussed; see Secretary's report.
3. The possibility of doing a local author's program was revisited. It was decided that it would be best to have some time in the fall, in preparation for the holidays, perhaps in conjunction with Downtown Books and Coffee. We will begin planning for this in June.
4. Kathy Kruger has accepted the position of corresponding secretary, effective immediately.

### New Business

1. National Library week is in April. We plan to do something similar to what was done during National Friends week by serving refreshments. Marcia will coordinate volunteer efforts. Lisa

would like to see the banner on Genesee St. reflect National Library week. Patsy made a motion that the Friends should pay for the banner and costs to the city, (not to exceed \$400) and John seconded. The vote was unanimous. We would also like to contact the newspaper and other local media to let people know what is going on. We would also like to provide refreshments for the library staff meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

2. Our annual meeting date was set for May 21. Again, we would like to have door prizes, perhaps provided by board members. Anne will bring a list of the previous year's door prizes from Suzanne. We will not have a committee for the annual meeting.
3. For the next meeting, Katie will look into the benefits of joining ALTAFF and Empire Friends (national and state organizations) and report back.

Marcia moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00, and Katie seconded.