

## MINUTES

### Friends of Seymour Public Library District

## MEETING

6:00 PM-December 18, 2013

### Seymour Public Library

**Present:** Anne Mlod, President; John Kingsley, Vice-President; Katie Latanyshyn, Secretary; Marcia Walsh, Treasurer; Lisa Carr, Library Director; Leigh Romano, Programming Librarian; Barbara Stith, PR Coordinator; Pat Messina, Carolyn Hiza, Mary Gomoll-Granicz, Joan Plis and Joan Sigona.

**Minutes:** Two corrections were made to the minutes. Re: Old Business, Friends week report: Our expenses were \$33.99, not our profit. Our profit was \$17.61. With these corrections, Anne moved to accept the minutes, and John seconded.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report was presented by Marcia. As of 11/30/13, we had \$2579.34 in our checking account, and \$546.09 in our savings account. The report is on file with Katie.

**Membership Report:** There was no official membership report for this month.

**Report from the Library:** Lisa reported that the 2014 budget was approved, and funds for programming have been zeroed out in an effort to shift funds to payroll. The library will be focusing on fundraising in the coming year. They also received two grants, one being a \$3,000 grant from the Everett Trust for historic photograph restorations. The second grant, approximately \$800, was a Decentralized Arts grant that will be used for the Merry-Go-Round storytime in the summer. The library has subscribed to Zinnio, a magazine subscription service for patrons. Finally, February 27 will be library legislative day in Albany, which Lisa will be attending.

### Old Business

1. The story tree program was well received by the public. Lisa questioned the effectiveness of having an auction spanning three days, as many patrons did not wish to come back. Next year we will have to plan for more trees and better registration. Our profit was \$368.74.
2. The raffle of the adventure basket and Lee Child tickets was very popular. Our total profit was \$67.16.
3. The Cosentino's event was also very popular. Jessica Cosentino returned our \$50 deposit for the event, so it cost nothing to host. Our profit was \$342. Anne sent a thank you.
4. The bylaws have been revised and are on file with Katie. Pat moved to accept the revisions, and Mary seconded.
5. Anne will look into revising membership levels.

6. The next newsletter is set to go out once minor revisions have been made. A January library calendar will be included.

#### **New Business**

1. Umbrellas are no longer available from ALA. However, Anne was able to purchase two for the library for \$26. They will be barcoded and added to the collection.
2. Michelle Crosby, the children's librarian, presented the Friends with a request for funds to start a Lego club. We unanimously approved her request for \$125 to start the club.
3. Leigh Romano, the programming librarian, let the Friends know she will be approaching us for funds for programming in the coming year.

We adjourned at 7:00 pm. Marcia moved and John seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.  
Next meeting: January 15, 2014 at 6:00 pm.