

MINUTES

Friends of Seymour Public Library District

MEETING

6:00 PM-November 20, 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, Patsy Myers, Carolyn Hiza, Mary Gomoll-Granicz.

Approval of Minutes: John moved to accept the minutes, and Marcia accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The report was presented by Marcia. Katie moved to accept the minutes, and Anne seconded.

Membership Report: We have reached 100 members!

Report from the Library: Lisa reported that the library is in the process of reorganizing their staff structure so as to focus on communication and more comprehensive staff coverage. They are currently working on a variety of history programs in addition to the December story tree program. Several new groups are looking to form and/or begin meeting regularly at the library, including writing, crotchet, and Lego groups. Every Wednesday night, Sue Walker volunteers at the library from 6:30-7:30 offering technology help. Finally, the library board will meet next week.

Library Board: There is no Trustee Liaison report.

Old Business

1. Marcia presented the Friends week report. We raised \$33.99 and gained 2 new members. This would be a viable activity to do again during National Library week. Anne also sent out thank yous.
2. We have approximately 20 trees for the Story Tree program. John will send out a volunteer sign-up via email, and Caroline will follow up with phone calls to businesses she thinks may still be interested.
3. The Weedsport Friends Spelling Bee was a success. Our team came in 3rd place, several connections were made, and they even bought a tree for our story tree program.
4. Anne will follow up on the library umbrellas.
5. John contacted Christina Rusin about becoming a corresponding secretary. She is not sure if she will be able to make this commitment at this time. John will follow up with her and others who could potentially fill this position.
6. The Cosentino's event is set for Wednesday, December 4th. Only 9 tickets have been sold so far.
7. We will discuss a local author program at our next meeting.

8. Marlies Difante visit was discussed. Leigh will look into this in conjunction with Cayuga Reads.
9. We have the raffle basket put together; so far 44 tickets have been sold. We will sell tickets at the Cosentino's event and the Story Trees event.
10. We will approve the bylaws at our December meeting.
11. Anne contacted Suzanne about the Friends' Facebook page. Suzanne will redirect members to our new Facebook page.

New Business

1. Stephanie presented us with a proposal for a storybook festival. While this is viable, it will require more discussion and looking into for our next two meetings. Pat will look into asking Carol Contiguglia about being a part of it.

We adjourned at 7:00 pm. Marcia moved and John seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
Next meeting: December 18, 2013 at 6:00 pm.