

Friends Meeting 4/2/2024

Meeting opened at 6:30, President Beth Plas welcomed 12 in attendance.

Minutes for Jan/Mar were read and approved.

Membership Report: 105 members and 14 golden members. Two additional memberships were picked up before the meeting. A reminder email was sent to members who have not renewed their membership for 2024.

Correspondence from Community Foundation and the Library was shared with the membership.

Treasurer Report: Operating Account beginning balance \$8010.42 on 4/2/2024. After expenses, ending balance was \$7797.05. Encumbered dollars include \$1500.19 for Library Support and \$1144.74 for Lakeland Grant for Pantry goods. RBTW CD Balance: \$20,160.87. The 2024 Operating Budget was finalized by the Executive Board. Updates to the RBTW Programming Form were given to Fred.

Book Sale Report

The Raffle theme for the Spring Booksale will be Picnic. Rita shared the rattan picnic basket which will be offered, along with a soft-side cooler. Anyone with any theme-related donations (outdoor tablecloth, outdoor games) can drop them at the library for Rita or Sharon. They will be putting the basket together soon and putting it on display for presale raffle tickets.

The spring sale dates are May 6-10, 2024 with setup Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4. Rita Thompson will serve as the sale Co-Chair with Sharon O'Neil. Volunteers are needed to help set up, tear down, and work the sale. Sharon has an online signup form at:

<https://signup.com/go/xmmXsSD>

Or email her direct at sharonsrosegarden@yahoo.com

Brenda will put the sale advertisement in the Rural Urban for the April 18 edition, as well as in the Grafton News for both the April editions. We encourage everyone to share on their Facebook/social media. If you need a yard sign, they will be available at the Library.

Director Report

Adele was not in attendance; Fred advised the Library will be closed April 7 and April 8.

Matt Lundy has been hired as the new Outreach Coordinator.

Sarah White has been added as the new Historian.

The next Board meeting will be April 9 at 7:15 in the Community Room. The architects are scheduled to present their community response findings.

Trustee Report

No Trustees were in attendance.

Old Business

The office of Vice President is open since Kathy Hyle is stepping down.

New Business

At the March Board meeting, it was decided that 2025 membership dues will increase. The Board reviewed other local groups and felt it was warranted. Discussion followed and it was agreed that Seniors will be \$10, Individuals will be \$20, Families \$30. Further discussion will follow regarding the increase for Lifetime membership – it is currently \$100.

A retirement thank you party is scheduled for April 30 at 6pm. Light refreshments will be served. It was suggested that a leaf on the Library Giving Tree be donated in permanent recognition of Kathy's service. We will solicit donations toward the purchase of a \$250 level leaf.

The Friends will participate in the community Trash to Treasures event on Saturday, June 8. We will have tables in the front with books and any donated items received. Donations can be dropped off in the Community Room on Friday, June 7 during Library hours.

The Library has declined to participate in 2024 GMPL Express outings, so the Friends will plan accordingly. We have eliminated Cleveland Public Library because they are not open on Sundays (and Sunday is the only day we can reserve the limos). Holden Arboretum requires a significant amount of walking and the trams are expensive. The Maltz Museum (\$10 Seniors) new WWII program will start at the end of October. The Garfield Home has no admission charge and seems to be our best bet so far. Also mentioned were the renovated National History Museum (\$7 Seniors) and Cleveland Botanical Gardens (\$19 Adults).

Next meeting will be held May 7, 2024

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Jalowiec, Secretary

