

Friends of the Town and Country Library (FOL)
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2021

President Joan Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Attendance: Joan Hansen President, Bill Grabarek Treasurer, Pat Schuberg Secretary

Absent: Lori Crimmins, Director

Other attendees, Phil Albano, Jacqui Fountain, Stephanie Butler

Minutes approved by motion Stephanie Butler, seconded by Bill Grabarek. All present approved the minutes.

Treasurer:

As of September 9th, the checkbook balance was \$4045.03. Recent deposits have come from the May plant sale and Book Nook. The FOL has no other revenue generating activities. A motion was made to donate \$2,000 to the Library by Pat Schuberg and seconded by Bill Grabarek. Motion passed by unanimous approval. Funds are needed for Gingerbread House event and outreach. Donations benefit ongoing programs at the library.

Membership: Stephanie Butler

Stephanie has reviewed the FOL membership. In talking with people, it was mentioned they didn't know about the FOL. The Library Program Guide has a Friends section but its only in print not digital. We need more visibility. Robert is happy to collaborate. Stephanie will work on Twitter and Instagram. She will look for a platform to post to all social medial. Question posed: Are we looking for more money or bodies? There are no current volunteer opportunities. Stephanie will meet with Emily, Library Director, about volunteer events. We can discuss new membership perks as well as the mission and purpose of the FOL.

Phil Albano, a previous Library Trustee, related the library has recently completed a new 3-year strategic plan. He pondered where does the FOL fit? There is a common understanding of purpose. We need to review bylaws and determine what would happen if the FOL didn't exist? FOL provides a place for community. To him, FOL is essential! To ensure long term viability, we should make the group free and open to new members. Other questions to discuss include what can the FOL own that is critical to the library?

Annual Activities:

Joan Hansen reviewed this year's highlights and activities including the Plant Sale, Coffee Bar Saturdays, unsold book donations to Better World Books, Book Nook and Elburn Day's special pricing

Nominations and Elections of Directors and Officers:

Nominated for President: Joan Hansen

Nominated for Directors: Bill Grabarek, Lori Crimmins, Joan Hansen and Jacqui Fountain.

All Officers will continue in same positions for new year.

Bill Grabarek moved the nominations, Pat Schuberg seconded, motion was unanimously approved

New Business: tabled until next meeting

Meeting adjourned 8:03 pm

Joan Hansen motioned, Jacqui Fountain seconded, all approved.

Next Meeting: May 12, 2022, 7:00

Minutes respectfully submitted, Pat Schuberg Secretary of the Board