

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2020

Bellwether Insurance Agency

116 Public Square, LaGrange

### Members Present

Eileen French, Aaron McElwain, Cindy Klinect, Wendi Zwaduk, Linda Chapin, Paula Pietch, Kathy Burrer, Iris Tewksbury, Sylvia Hack, Marcia DeJonge, Sandra McElwain, Patti Baker, Pauline Chaffins, Maryanne Somerfelt, Adam Matthews

### Minutes for December 19, 2019 Meeting

Motion to approve: Kathy      Seconded: Wendi      Approved: YES

### Treasurer's Report – Iris Tewksbury

The checking account balance is \$24,475.02. The Fire Fighters savings account balance is \$53.01.

Motion to approve: Sandra      Seconded: Sylvia      Approved: YES

### Membership Report – Kathy Burrer

Marcia DeJonge joined for the new year which brings our total yearly membership up to 27.

### EPL Director's Report – Lyn Crouse

Lyn was not present. Adam gave the update. In November administrative staff moved into the new office on Taylor Street. The South branch opened as planned. The Central branch had 6 of 7 variances approved. The Planning Commission denied the 7<sup>th</sup> variance that would have allowed the library to use a combination of cleft and smooth stone as a primary element of its exterior. Per Adam a Commission member realized after voting he did not understand the difference between the two stones and would have voted for the variance. Lyn is working with the Commission to see what the best course of action is to get the issue resolved.

### Sunshine Committee Report – Linda Chapin

A sympathy card was mailed to the Eileen and Dave French for the death of Dave's father. A cookie tray was delivered to the Village before Christmas. A thinking of you card will be mailed to Lyn for her husband. Cards and gifts from the Sunshine Committee are funded through donations from Friends members and do not come out of the Friends club funds.

### Nomination of Candidates for the Offices of President and Vice-President – Cindy Klinect

The nomination committee included Paula and Kathy.

Nomination for Vice-President

Motion to nominate Wendi Zwaduk: Cindy      Seconded: Kathy      Approved: YES

Nomination for President

Motion to nominate Aaron McElwain: Cindy      Seconded: Kathy      Approved: YES

### Motion to approve the 2020 Budget

Motion to approve: Sandra      Seconded: Kathy      Approved: YES

### Motion to approve the purchase of 8 six-foot "Lifetime" tables at a cost of \$500.00.

Motion to approve: Wendi      Seconded: Linda      Approved: YES

## Old Business

### 2020 Books and Brunch

- 112 tickets will be printed. Wendi will coordinate getting the information to Adam so he can print the tickets. Eileen's phone number will be used again for those who want to call for tickets. The tickets will be numbered.
- Wendi has agreed to be the Event Chair.
- Eileen sourced different options for dinner plates and fruit bowls. It appears Webstaurant is the least expensive. Motion to approve the purchase of one case (144) of 10 ½ inch scalloped plastic dinner plates and one case (180) of small, plastic fruit bowls for the 2020 Books and Brunch.

Motion to approve: Aaron    Seconded: Wendi    Approved: YES

Aaron will purchase the items online and submit a receipt to the Friends for reimbursement.

## New Business

### Goals for 2020

- Pay attention to the book donations throughout the year. Sylvia has a source for vintage books.
- Grow membership.
- Involve all members, not just those who regularly come to meetings. Contact membership list when there are volunteer opportunities available.
- Support Grand Opening of the Keystone branch.

Discussed fundraising idea of collecting donated household goods to take to Savers Thrift Shop who will pay 20 cents per pound. They do not take books. Eileen provided information to the group to peruse. Overall group was not enthusiastic. Tabled for discussion at a later date.

## Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Patty    Seconded: Linda    Approved: YES

Time of adjournment: 7:47 p.m.