

**Library Friends of Cook County Board of Directors Meeting  
September 17, 2018 at Grand Marais Public Library (GMPL)**

Present: Mary Beams, Jack Miller, Dennis Kaleta, Jan Smith, Lorrie Oswald, and Duane Hasegawa. Absent: Agatha Armstrong

Mary Beams called the meeting to order at 5:28 pm. The agenda was reviewed and Lorrie Oswald moved to approve the agenda. Dennis Kaleta seconded the motion. Ayes all.

The August 13, 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed and Jack Miller moved to approve the minutes. Jan Smith seconded the motion. Ayes all

The August treasurer's report was reviewed. Dennis Kaleta moved to approve the report. Jack Miller seconded the motion. Ayes all.

#### Old Business

The grant awards to GMPL and the Cook County school libraries, and childhood care programs were originally scheduled to be issued on September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Cook County Community Center. Unfortunately we received only one affirmative response for attending this open house event. We decided to cancel the event. At our August meeting we reviewed the annual book sale revenue and membership donations. By a series of emails, the Board of Directors in August decided to distribute a total approximating \$11,000 to the grant applicants. The process of distributing the funds is discussed under New Business below.

We decided to table the annual Library Friends meeting which has previously been held in the latter part of the calendar year.

Duane Hasegawa spoke with the manager of Oddz & Endz and indicated that we were no longer looking for used book storage options.

Jack Miller indicated that there were storage bins that were not yet discarded from our previous book storage areas at Grand Marais City Hall. He will see if participants of the Ruby's Pantry program would be interested in receiving the plastic storage bins.

#### New Business

Steve Harsin and Judy Bowman provided Mary Beams with their ideas for future organizational and fund-raising ideas. Mary Beams had forwarded the board members with their suggestions. One suggestion was to have two 90 minute meetings with interested volunteers (but not including current Board members) with the plan of forwarding their recommendations to our Board of Directors. Steve Harsin suggested that Library Friends write grants for specific projects that our organization felt were in

keeping with our mission statements. The time to review our organization's mission and vision was a priority now that we are no longer having an annual used book sale for fund-raising.

We discussed the need to recruit new Board members for further ideas. We identified the need for publicity, new fund-raising ideas, and improved skills to use social media to communicate with the community. We agreed that each of the Board members would bring further ideas to our October meeting.

Regarding the grants that we decided to award, Lorrie Oswald moved to issue all grant recipients 100% of the amount we had allocated, and we would send them a check by mail with an accompanying letter requesting their ideas for future fund-raising ideas. Jack Miller seconded the motion. Ayes all.

We unanimously supported the nomination of Steve Harsin for the I Love My Librarian annual award. Mary Beams has written a supporting letter on his behalf.

Mary Beams submitted a letter of resignation from Library Friends Board of Directors effective November 1, 2018. We thanked her for her service.

Lorrie Oswald submitted a letter of resignation from Library Friends Board of Directors effective November 1, 2108. We thanked her for her service.

Both Mary and Lorrie expressed their willingness to assist our Board of Directors in the future.

The next Board of Directors meeting was tentatively scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Due to a scheduling conflict, **our meeting date was changed (via subsequent exchange of emails) to Monday October 29, 2018 at 5:30 pm at the Grand Marais Public Library.**

There being no further business, Mary Beams moved to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Duane Hasegawa. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Hasegawa, Secretary