

Call the meeting to order: Jane Huber, 7:00 PM

Welcome visitors and guests: None

Announcements and correspondence: Thank you notes from Geri Hletko’s family and the Pritzker Military Museum and Library.

Review the Agenda, request for additions: Discussion re: funding Chamber holiday trolley

Present: Pres. Jane Huber, Bob Akbarally, Treas. Sandy Baumgardner, Secy.

Members:, Mary Kiessling, Viviana Franzoni

Library Staff – Kimberly Coughran, Director

Library Board Liaison – Linda Kampschroeder

Guests: None

REPORTS

President’s Report: Jane acknowledged a successful holiday party at Jo Day’s. There was good attendance, food and joy! She also reported on the gift wrapping efforts, new information noted a site in Joliet gave the organization a percentage of the take in addition to tips! Discussion led to a proposal we offer to do the gift-wrapping at the library at the Holiday/Gift Book Sale and or as a stand-alone fundraiser. Changes in route of Trolley for the Holiday Event due unexpected street closing caused by emergency/fire incident. Tip for the driver has been sent and was paid by the Chamber. Concerns over confusion during the event led to the question whether FOL should continue to provide the Trolley.

Vice President’s Report: None.

Secretary’s Report/Minutes: Minutes were circulated, corrections were made regarding memorials for Freda Horonzy and Geri Hletko. Minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer’s Report: Checking Balance:	November	December
\$ 8,866.27	\$ 15,314.63	\$ 15,248.01
Ending Balance	15,248.01	\$ 16,180.92
Grand Total	\$47,884.57	\$ 48,823.75
PAC	9,189.98	9,189.98

Treasure’s report submitted for file.

Request for funds: \$307.88 requested for Holiday dinner expenses.

Director: The Director updated us on the PLACE campaign. Samples of postcard/flyers were displayed. Over 2000 have been printed to be distributed this Saturday, January 17th to homes in Brookfield by Library volunteers. The canvassing effort is to encourage residents to come to the Library for open house, the following Tuesday and Saturday. FOL members we encouraged to volunteer.

Members were also updated on the upcoming scheduled meetings with the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Village Board. The Legislative issue of separating the Library from the Village tax cap was explained.

Library Board Report: Linda acknowledged the Boards persistent work on the various activities described above. Also recognized were the Co-Chairs who lead the community engagement meetings: Suzanne Williams, Bob Lifka and Marty McNulty.

COMMITTEES

Book Nook Shop: February Book Nook Shop focus will be on paperback books at the regular price of \$.25 a book or 5 for \$1.00. All other items will be regular price. The first two weeks will focus on AV carts, the 2nd and 3rd weeks cart focus will reintroduce hardback and trade books. Due to some huge and welcomed donations we have an abundance of paperbacks and AV items.

There is a Book Sorters Volunteers planning meeting schedule February 18th at 10 – 11:30 AM in the lower level community meeting room. If you would like to join us let Elaine Jens know.

Membership: A campaign with advertisement/posters was suggested to promote membership.

Public Relations/Outreach:

Old/New Business: A discussion was held around Taste fundraising expanding to develop more national corporation support like Disney and Marianos. Jane will do some preliminary exploration.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Baumgardner

Next FOL Meeting: March 9, 2016
April 13, 2016