

Friends of the Oak Park Public Library
Executive Board Meeting
September 18, 2023
Minutes

Present: Russ Glidden (President), Chet Taranowski, Joslyn Bowling Dixon (Library Director), Beth Streit, Kathleen Bell, Lori Pulliam, Jennie Stevens

Present on Zoom: Eric Bryning

1. **Call to Order:** Russ called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. **Appointment of Beth Streit as Secretary.** Board approves. The Board recognizes and thanks Doris Adamczewski for her many long years of service to the Board and as Secretary.
3. **Review of July 24, 2023 meeting minutes:** The minutes were reviewed. Jennie moved and Chet seconded to approve. All agreed to approve.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Denise not present
5. **Library Board Report:** Joslyn reported that the library will be having an open house on October 1, 2023 to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the library and the 20th anniversary of the current library building. All are welcome to attend. There will be events supporting the freedom to read all that week, such as a scavenger hunt. Joslyn also reported that the library is looking for other ways to raise revenue for programming. The library budget is operational and does not contain money for programming. The library is looking into selling t-shirts at a pop-up store around Christmas. Library employees will staff it. Lori reported on enhancements to the children's room. There will be a play diner/kitchen and a baby garden. Lori also reported that the Light Bright wall, funded by FOPPL, should go up in December or January. Joslyn also reported that the plaque to Paul Koko should be going up soon.
6. **Reports:**
 - a. **Membership:** Chet sent membership information to Nancy Garino. There are 4 vacancies on the Board. A discussion of possible candidates was held. Kat will send an email to our current membership reminding everyone to renew their memberships. Kat also addressed membership levels and suggested that we institute a family membership for \$40 (individual memberships are \$25).
 - b. **Folk Series:** Nancy Clark sent Russ an email reporting on the fall folk concert series which starts on September 21 with Deidre McCalla.
 - c. **Film Series:** The film series started on Tuesday September 12 with Moonstruck. Eight people attended. A discussion was held about how to better publicize the event.
7. **Fall Social Event:** Kat and Jennie reported on the fall social event for members. It will take place on November 14 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Maize branch. There will be Ice Breaker Bingo and Book Bingo. Refreshments will be served and there will be prizes.

8. **Miscellaneous:** Russ talked to Jacob Matson - the Community Justice Manager for Oak Park Township- about youth volunteers to help with the Book Fair next year.
9. **Adjournment:** Jennie moved, Kat seconded and all agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday November 20, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Streit