

Friends of the Oak Park Public Library
2024 Annual Meeting
March 18, 2024
Minutes

Present: Russ Glidden (President), Chet Taranowski(Membership Chair) , Kat Bell (Vice President), Beth Streit(Secretary) Denise Roser(Treasurer), Stuart Green, Maya Ganguly (Board of Trustees Liaison)

Present on Zoom: Nancy Clark

Guests: 3 Friends members.

Call to order: Russ called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Introductions: The Board, Board of Trustees Liaison and Friends members were introduced.

Review of Annual Minutes from March 20, 2023. The minutes were reviewed. Stu moved to approve, Beth seconded and all approved.

Treasurer's Report- Denise presented the FOPPL Profit & Loss statement as of 12/31/23. The Friends made \$28,841.29 in Book Fair sales, received \$3,387.83 In donations and memberships and received interest of \$110.82 for the year for total income of \$32,339.94. Expenses totaled \$49,513.06 for the year, the largest of which was a \$43,3000 donation to the library for programs and other requests. This was a much larger donation than previous years. Our donations to the library are usually around 18-19,000 per year. In 2022, the donation to the library was \$25,000. Kat made the motion to approve the report pending an amendment on the donations and membership line item on the P&L statement. Stu seconded, and all approved

Election of Board Members and Officers- Leila Massouh is joining as a new member and as Treasurer. Stu asked about the new member. Kat reported that Leila is an educator and has a degree in Library Science. She has lived in Oak Park for a number of years. Chet moved to approved the entire slate of Board members, Kat seconded and all approved.

Officers continuing for 2-year terms: Russ Glidden (President), Nancy Hartman, Denise Roser (rotating off as Treasurer). Board members continuing to 2025 are Kat Bell (Vice-President), Eric Bryning, Stuart Greene, Jennie Stevens, Beth Streit (Secretary) and Chet Taranowski (Membership Chair), Oncoming New Board Member for Two Year Term: Leila Massouh (Treasurer), Board member rotating off the board: Doug Deuchler.

Setting of 2024/25 Meeting Dates: Kat made a proposal to stagger the meeting dates so that we have more meetings during our busiest time around the Book Fair. A proposal was therefore made to set the meeting dates for 24/25 as follows: May 20, 2024, June 17, 2024, August 19, 2024, October 21, 2024, January 20, 2025, March 17, 2025. Denise moved to approve the dates, Stu seconded and all approved.

Review of 2023/24 FOPPL Board Goals: Chet reviewed our goals from last year, some of which were achieved and some of which were shelved.

Adoption of 2024 Board goals: Chet read the list of proposed goals for this year. Stu moved to accept the goals, Chet seconded and all approved.

Update on 2024 Book Sale: The book sale will be July 12- 14 this year. Times will be the same as last year. Russ reported that the space available to us on the third floor has more than doubled. To streamline the sorting, books will be sorted only by floor (fiction, nonfiction and children's, DVD, CDs) until the books are unpacked and displayed the week of the sale. We will have a \$5 table for coffee table books and books worth more than \$2. We will still have the treasure trove. Discussion was had about increasing the price of the book bags on Sunday above the current \$10 but it was decided to leave the price the same this year.

Adjournment- Kat moved to adjourn the meeting and Chet seconded. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Report respectfully submitted,
Beth Streit