

Friends of the Oak Park Public Library
Executive Board Meeting
March 18, 2024 immediately following the Annual Membership Meeting
Minutes

Present: Russ Glidden (President), Chet Taranowsk(Membership Chair) Beth Streit (Secretary), Denise Roser (Treasurer), Kat Bell (Vice President), Stuart Green, Maya Ganguly (Board of Trustees Liaison) Eric Bryning (arriving at 8:10)

Present on Zoom: Nancy Clark

Call to Order: Russ called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m.

Review of January 22, meeting minutes: The minutes were reviewed. Two corrections were made. The Board needs a minimum of eight, not ten members. Also, Nancy Clark's report about the Folk series was that it usually receives between 40-60 people per concert, not 400-600. With those corrections, Kat moved, Stu seconded and all agreed to approve the minutes.

Library Board Report: Maya reported that Suzy Wolf and Joy Kolo will be staying on at the library and Suzy and Leigh Tarullo will be working on a short-term basis to provide leadership at the library. Maya thanked the Friends for their dedication to the library. Russ stated that we appreciate the Board's support.

Treasurer's Report: We received one membership and one donation since the last meeting. Our operating account has \$28,335.59 and our money market has \$40,719.89 for a total of \$69,055.48.

Update on OPPL 501c3 registration: We engaged the Sasseti CPA firm to put us into compliance. They have our records dating back to 2018. They will invoice us when they complete the work. There may be a slight delay because it is tax season. We should have an update by the next meeting.

Russ thanked Denise for her many years of dedicated service as Treasurer and is glad she is staying on as a member. Stu moved, Chet seconded and all approved.

Membership Report: nothing new to report.

Reinstate Finance & Budget Committee: We have decided to reinstate the Finance and Budget Committee. The committee will create an annual budget, look at internal controls and review library requests. The committee will consist of Leila, Kat, Stu and Russ.

The library request this year is \$27,825. Kat asked Maya for a report on the library's use of FOPPL funds in 2022 and 2023. In the past, our donations have gone to fund programs, not on capital improvements. The budget committee will meet in mid-April.

Update on 2024 Book Fair: Eric will provide an update on t shirts at the next meeting.

Spring Social Event: Beth reported that the event is April 9 in the community room at the library and encouraged members to come. We will get a tour of the Creative Studio at 7 and will get phone holders made in the Center. Following the tour will be a literary-themed trivia contest with great prizes and refreshments.

Adjournment: Beth moved to adjourn and Chet seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Streit