

Approved 05/20/2021
FRIENDS OF EPLS KEYSTONE
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 22, 2021 6:30 p.m.
Municipal Village Bldg. – Book Sorting Room

Members Present

Patti Baker; Sylvia Hack; Mary Karleskint; Cindy Klinect; Sue Lewis; Aaron McElwain; Sandra McElwain; Marilyn Offenberg; Paula Pietch; Marianne Sommerfelt; Iris Tewksbury; Wendi Zwaduk

CALL TO ORDER

Aaron McElwain, President, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from March 18, 2021 Meeting – Mary Karleskint, Secretary

Wendi Zwaduk made a motion to approve the March 18, 2021 minutes. Iris Tewksbury seconded the motion. Vote on the Motion: Unanimous Approval.

REPORTS

President's Report – Aaron McElwain

Status of EPLS Library Conference Rooms for Meetings – Not much has changed. We are still unable to use the conference room for our meetings due to Covid-19 regulations.

Status of Friends' Office in the Library – The office looks good. Wendi cleaned it up. Eileen donated an antique desk. The shelves are in there. Aaron envisions that it would be open this summer and there will be access to it.

Status of Friends' Membership Tree

Aaron and Don Hill took measurements of the tree. They are trying to redesign the tree's trunk. Once the design is in place, it will be submitted to Lyn for approval. We are keeping the leaves the same. Contractors will mount the tree in the Library.

Status of Flagpole Pathway – Aaron and Mary Gress haven't had a chance, yet, to look at the flagpole pathway. They will come up with a plan to submit to Lyn for approval.

Treasurer's Report – Iris Tewksbury

Iris reported that the treasury balance at the end of March was \$24,886.77.

Membership Report – Wendi Zwaduk

Wendi reported that, at this time, we have 15 Lifetime Members; 20 Yearly Members (2 which are new); 5 Corporate Members (3 of them being new). Since March, we have added a corporate member named Believe Dream Dare. In April, Wendi spotlighted our corporate members on Facebook to thank them.

Sunshine Committee Report – Linda Chapin

Wendi reported for Linda in her absence. Two thank you cards were read to the Friends that were sent to them by George Klocek. A get-well card was sent to Sylvia Hack.

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EPLS Director's Report – Lyn Crouse

Aaron reported for Lyn in her absence. We need to decide the wording for the plaque to go on the picnic table in the memory of Mary Kolcek. The Friends agreed that the wording on the plaque should read, "In Memory of Mary A. Rose-Klocek".

Lyn sent Aaron an email concerning library funding under House Bill 110. The state plans to cut the library 1.7% funding down to 1.66% in their operating budget beginning July 1, 2021. Aaron read the email. Friends are strongly encouraged to write to their Senators and Congress Representatives asking them to support the original library funding from last year. Aaron will email the address of the Representatives to the Friends. The Friends suggested sending a group letter of support to the Editor of the Chronicle Telegram.

OLD BUSINESS

Book Collection and Sorting – Eileen French

Sandra reported for Eileen in her absence. From February through April 19, 2021, 2,987 books were sorted and moved to the storage room. We now have a total of 11, 984 books in storage.

Books and Brunch September 2021 – Wendi Zwaduk

Wendi pointed out to the Friends that the question remains on how many people we are allowed to have at Books and Brunch by September 2021. Wendi and Eileen are suggesting that the Friends consider maybe having only 50% capacity at the event and have the brunch catered by Bread and Brew. If so, the Friends will need to fund that part. If anyone has other suggestions for Books and Brunch, please let Wendi and Eileen know. Cindy stated that, normally, the capacity for the Lagrange United Methodist Church Hall is 120. Right now, it is at 40% capacity due to the Covid-19 regulations. Authors and workers need to be included in the count with the attendees.

Movie Night 2021 – Aaron McElwain

Aaron did a lot of research on the outdoor movie event. Funding for movie rights will cost \$400 or 50% of ticket sales (whichever is greater). It would be best to have the rental company take care of the movie screen delivery, set up and removal. The approximate cost of the event would be \$1,500 with some advertising. We can solicit funding from local companies and recognize them on the screen before the movie. The cost of a movie ticket would be \$5.00 a person or \$4.00 with a book or can of food. Any suggestions on the movie are welcome. For now, we are thinking about showing the 2016 "Trolls" Movie". The movie date we have in mind is Saturday August 14, 2021. The event itself would start around 6:00/6:30 p.m. The movie would be shown around 7:30/8:00 p.m. And, the event would end around 10:30/11:00 p.m. We would have a rain date (up to a year) in case of inclement weather. One of the Friends spoke up and stated that Mary Kay Gates had suggested using the Village Building gymnasium if it rains.

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We would like to have the Library staff present at the event to promote the library. Popcorn can be provided to the community. A couple food trucks (at no cost) could also be available to the community to purchase food. We could do a soft market of the event now and, then, advertise in the paper closer to the date. The Lions Park can accommodate 400 people. The Village does want to be involved. Marianne Sommerfelt motioned for the Friends to approve the plans for the Movie Night. Marilyn Offenberg seconded the motion. Vote on the Motion: Unanimous Approval.

2021 Friends' Calendar of Events (Month to Month Report)

Mary Karleskint reported that she will be emailing a month-to-month report of events to the Friends because of Covid-19 regulations, at this time, in holding large gatherings.

2021 Book Sale (November 15-16 Set Up; November 18-21 Sale) – Full Steam Ahead

First Book Drive Up and Drop Off Collection Date April 24, 2021

Wendi reported that the Friends Book Drive Up and Drop Off will not interfere with the DEA National Take Back Collection Day at the Village Police Station. The Friends will have signs but they do need someone to direct traffic and to hand out membership applications.

Second Book Drive Up and Drop Off Collection Day – Tentative June 26, 2021

The Friends had discussed a second Book Drive Up and Drop Off Collection Day the Saturday (June 26, 2021) of the Community Garage Sale Weekend (June 24-26). If anyone is interested in heading up the committee for the second book drop off, please let Wendi know.

Advertisement for the New Library – Friends' Facebook Page – Wendi Zwaduk

Wendi advertised our corporate sponsors on the Friends' Facebook page. National Library Week (April 4-10) and Drop Everything and Read Week (April 11-17) were promoted on the Facebook page as well. Wendi also mentioned the book donation spots in the village, drive up and drop off collection date at the village municipal building, library hours, and story time programs. The week of May 2nd – 8th, the Facebook Page will focus on "Get Caught Reading".

NEW BUSINESS

Village Scavenger Hunt

Mary Kay Gates approached Aaron about the Village holding a Community Scavenger Hunt the Saturday of the Friends' Book Sale. A table will be set up in the foyer of the Village Municipal Building to hand out a tour map of local businesses. Each business will provide an alpha letter to each visitor. The letters gathered from all of the businesses spell out a secret message. Residents can enter a drawing to win a gift card. The scavenger hunt will end at the Friends' book sale.

ADJOURNMENT

Wendi Zwaduk motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sylvia Hack seconded the motion. Vote on the motion: Unanimous Approval. Aaron McElwain, President, adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Karleskint, Secretary 04/29/2021