

Approved 06/17/2021
FRIENDS OF EPLS KEYSTONE
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 20, 2021 6:30 p.m.
LaGrange Lions Park Pavilion

Members Present

Patti Baker; Kathy Burrer; Lyn Crouse (Director, EPLS) Marcia DeJonge; Sylvia Hack; Mary Karleskint; Cindy Klinect; Tori McConaughy; Aaron McElwain; Paula Pietch; Iris Tewksbury; Wendi Zwaduk

CALL TO ORDER

Aaron McElwain, President, called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from April 22, 2021 Meeting – Mary Karleskint, Secretary

Iris Tewksbury made a motion to approve the April 22, 2021 minutes. Wendi Zwaduk seconded the motion. Vote on the Motion: Unanimous Approval.

REPORTS

President's Report – Aaron McElwain

Update on Friends' Membership Tree

Aaron reported that Brenda Hammond and he are working on the drawing of the tree's trunk. Once Lyn approves it, it will be cut out of plywood.

Update on Picnic Table in Memory of Mary Klocek

Lyn announced that EPLS does have the bird feeder. They still have to get the "in memory of" name plate made for the picnic table. The EPLS Purchasing Agent did purchase the picnic table. EPLS Maintenance will set it up under the big tree.

Status of Flagpole Pathway – Aaron and Mary Gress recommended a steel edging for the pathway. They will be looking for perennials for the pathway. The colors yellow and green will go well with the red brick. They will need to purchase a 100 ft. hose.

Status of Village Scavenger Hunt Saturday, November 20, 2021

Wendi reported that Mary Kay Gates is still putting together the event with KEY (Keystone Empowers You) Collaborative. She is contacting the businesses in the community.

Treasurer's Report – Iris Tewksbury

Iris reported that the treasury balance at the end of April was \$24,777.77. Expenditures for April were \$180.000 and deposits were \$71.00.

Membership Report – Wendi Zwaduk

Wendi reported that, currently, we have 15 Lifetime Members; 20 Yearly Members (2 brand new); 6 Corporate Members (3 brand new and 2 Lifetime Members). Since April, we have added Enchanted Florist as a corporate member.

Sunshine Committee Report – Linda Chapin

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Wendi reported for Linda in her absence. Get well cards and flowers were sent to Eileen French. There was consensus among the Friends to send Eileen an edible fruit arrangement.

EPLS Director's Report – Lyn Crouse

Lyn reported that the drywall is done and painting has begun for the new Central Library. EPLS is working on staff and patron regulations as things begin to open up more for the library. Lyn announced that the conference rooms in the library branches will be opened up for the Foundation Members and the Friends of the Library. The Friends of the EPLS Keystone can plan to hold their meeting next month at the Keystone Branch. EPLS will be conducting some small, in-person, children reading groups (8-10 patrons). EPLS summer reading programs for all ages will begin June 1st, and a program(s) will be scheduled every day from June 15, 2021 through August 5, 2021 at one of the EPLS branches. EPLS will be starting their Bookmobile schedule and outreach programs. EPLS is also holding Outdoor Movie Nights, every month during the summer, at one of the library branches. The first one is scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 9:00 p.m. at the Keystone branch. The movie is "The Wizard of Oz". An EPLS newsletter will be coming out in the next week or so.

OLD BUSINESS

Book Collection and Sorting – Eileen French

Wendi reported for Eileen in her absence. For the month of May, 1,864 books were sorted and moved to the storage room. We now have a total of 13,848 books in storage, not counting dvd's, cd's, puzzles, and games.

Books and Brunch Saturday, September 25, 2021 – Wendi Zwaduk

Wendi reported that everything is in place (authors, date, location, theme, and decorations) but the food is still uncertain. Discussion followed on boxed lunches versus appetizers and the short amount of time in planning the food. Kathy Burrer made a motion to not hold the Books and Brunch in the fall but to move it to the spring. Patti Baker seconded the motion. Vote on the Motion: Unanimous Approval. The Friends are looking at a tentative date of Saturday, April 23, 2022. Lyn mentioned that National Library Week is April 3 – 9, 2022.

Movie Night Saturday, August 14, 2021 – Aaron McElwain

Aaron reported that he submitted the funds and we now have the movie rights. We are waiting on Mary Kay to secure the food trucks before we put together the marketing and solicit businesses. He has secured the popcorn and ice cream trucks. Aaron and Jessica Johnston will collect donations from the local business. The Friends held a discussion on the cost of the movie ticket for the community members. The Friends agreed that it would be better to ask for donations since this is a community event and not a fundraiser. They also agreed that pets should not be present during the event.

2021 Book Sale (November 15-16 Set Up; November 18-21 Sale)

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First Book Drive Up and Drop Off Collection Day – Feedback on Results

Wendi reported that the April 24, 2021 Friends Book Drive Up and Drop Off Collection Day went well. Thirty-four cars dropped off items. An application for joining the Library Friends and a coupon for the Friends' Fall Book Sale were given out to all residents that donated items.

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

The Friends discussed the tentative date for the second Book Drive Up and Drop Off Collection Day. The Friends were concerned that they wouldn't have enough manpower for the event that day. The Friends agreed that they have been receiving quite a lot of donations at their local collection sites and that they have quite a lot of books in storage already. Kathy Burrer made a motion to not hold the second Book Drive Up and Drop Off Collection Day. Wendi Zwaduk seconded the motion. Vote on the Motion: Unanimous Approval. Wendi and Cindy thought that the Friends may be able to rearrange the storage room next year.

Advertisement for the Keystone Branch Library – Friends' Facebook Page – Wendi Zwaduk

Through advertising on the Friends' Facebook Page, Wendi helped to promote “Get Caught Reading” Week May 2nd – 8th; “Screen-Free” Week (May 9th – 15th); and “Online Library and Library Usage” Week (May 16th – 22nd). For the month of May, Wendi has also been advertising the Friends' book collection date and sites, library hours, spotlight on collections, and available services.

NEW BUSINESS

Readers' Basket Drawing

Wendi passed around a flyer from Wellington's Herrick Memorial Library advertising a basket drawing community members can enter into when they read a book. She asked Lyn and the Friends to consider the idea for the EPLS Keystone Branch. It would be a great way to bring attention to their group, the new library, and reading. It may be something they could do seasonal.

ADJOURNMENT

Kathy Burrer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Wendi Zwaduk seconded the motion. Vote on the motion: Unanimous Approval. Aaron McElwain, President, adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Karleskint, Secretary 06/08/2021