

Approved 04/20/2023
FRIENDS OF EPLS KEYSTONE
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 16, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
EPLS Keystone Branch

Members Present

Kathy Burrer; Linda Chapin; Marcia DeJonge; Eileen French; Rose Fiscoletti; Mary Gress; Mary Karleskint; Cindy Klinect; Debbie Kroupa (President, EPLS Board of Trustees); Sue Lewis; Marilyn Offenber; Kathy Runser (Deputy Director, EPLS); Jennifer Starkey (Director, EPLS); Iris Tewksbury; Wendi Zwaduk

CALL TO ORDER

Wendi Zwaduk, President, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Presentation on the History of Keystone LaGrange Community Library – Ken Sooy

Ken Sooy (former Mayor of the Village of LaGrange) provided the Friends with a comprehensive historical timeline on how the Keystone Branch of the EPL System came to be in the Village of LaGrange, Ohio. At the end of Ken's presentation, he graciously presented the Friends with Resolution No. 221 dated May 13, 1988. The Friends thanked Ken for his steadfast quest in finding a way to provide a library for the folks of LaGrange.

Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2023 Meeting

Kathy Burrer made a motion to approve the February 16, 2023 minutes. Marilyn Offenber seconded the motion. Vote on the Motion: Unanimous Approval.

REPORTS

President's Report – Wendi Zwaduk

- The Village of LaGrange is now posting directional road signs to the Keystone Library Branch. There is already a sign on 301 near Opportunity Way (approaching from the north) and one near Commerce Drive (approaching from the south).
- Wendi Zwaduk spoke with Kathy Smith, President, EPLS Foundation Board of Trustees, about coming to one of our Friends meeting to talk about the Library Foundation. Jennifer Starkey (present at tonight's meeting) stated that they are looking to build their endowment fund.
- Corporate Member Burnett's Septic Service donated \$100 to the Friends. Wendi sent them a thank you.

Vice President/Membership Report – Kathy Burrer

Kathy Burrer reported that, so far, 29 yearly members and 3 corporate members have paid their annual membership dues. Kathy will contact the members who have not responded in renewing their membership. We currently have 20 lifetime members.

Treasurer's Report – Patti Baker

Iris Tewksbury reported for Patti Baker in her absence. Treasury balance at the end of February was \$31,249.73.

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Sunshine Committee Report – Linda Chapin

Ken Sooy gave the Friends an update on Ray Dills' condition. Linda Chapin will send Ray a thinking of you floral arrangement. If anyone knows a Friend that needs their spirits lifted, please let Linda know. The LaGrange Quilters have lap quilts she can obtain from them. It was noted that the Friends gave a donation of \$100 to the Vocational Trade Scholarship in memory of LaGrange Mayor Kim Strauss.

EPLS Director's Report – Jennifer Starkey

Jennifer Starkey reported that the flexy display folders for the children's books are now in place in the Children's Room at the Keystone Branch Library. Jennifer thanked the Friends for their monetary contribution. EPLS has to obtain new pricing on the shed that will be placed on the cinder blocks for the Keystone Branch. EPLS has another electrician lined up to move the outdoor lockers to the front of the library.

OLD BUSINESS

Book Collection and Sorting - Wendi Zwaduk

The book sorting crew has begun sorting the donations. They started sorting the boxes in the sorting room into categories. Wendi straightened up the storage room. The crew designated an area to accommodate certain sections.

The Committee for Spencer's Bicentennial Celebration is holding a book sale at their Town Hall this weekend. We are welcome to whatever books that are left over from the end of their sale at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 18th. Debbie Kroupa and Vickie Evans (along with their husbands) will be volunteers to pick up some books for our Friends sale.

2023 Fall Book Sale – Wendi Zwaduk

Wendi Zwaduk announced to the Friends that she has the gym in the Village Municipal Building reserved for their 2023 Fall Book Sale. Below are the dates and times of the sale:

Thursday, November 16, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 17, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 19, 2023 from 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.

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

Wendi posted on the Friends' Facebook Page information on the collection of book donations for the Friends book sale. A rather nice size article about joining the Friends of the Library (and what the Friends are all about) was placed in the February 27, 2023 issue of the Rural Urban Record free of charge.

NEW BUSINESS

Book Donation Drop Off Date at LaGrange Village Municipal Building – July 15, 2023

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A book donation drop-off date has been set for Saturday, July 15, 2023 the weekend of the Village Annual Garage Sale. Time of drop off will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the front entrance of the Village Municipal Building. Wendi will start working on a job list in May or June.

Friends Meetings in July and August 2023 – Wendi Zwaduk

Wendi mentioned to the Friends that it might be a good idea to have a meeting in July if they are giving away a school supply backpack in August. The July meeting will replace the one in August. This is something the Friends can consider.

National Library Week Open House at EPLS Central – April 24, 2023

(Ideas for Table for Friends of EPLS Keystone)

Kathy Burrer and Wendi Zwaduk will staff the Friends' table at the Open House. Some suggestions made by the Friends of items for the table are:

Dumm Dumm Suckers from Old Time Candy
Leftover Friends Pens
Membership Applications
Membership Bookmarks
Flyers on Donation Drop-off Day and Book Sale Dates
Framed Photo of Membership Tree
Resolution No. 221

Jennifer Starkey mentioned that there will be an ice cream station outside.

ADJOURNMENT

Kathy Burrer made a motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sue Lewis seconded the motion. Vote on the motion: Unanimous Approval. Wendi Zwaduk, President, adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Karleskint (03-23-2023)