

APPROVED 09/21/2023
FRIENDS OF EPLS KEYSTONE
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 20, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
EPLS Keystone Branch

Members Present

Kathy Burrer; Mary Karleskint; Cindy Klinect; Sue Lewis; Marilyn Offenber; Jennifer Starkey (Director, EPLS); Wendi Zwaduk

CALL TO ORDER

Wendi Zwaduk, President, called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from June 15, 2023 Meeting

Kathy Burrer made a motion to approve the June 15, 2023 minutes. Cindy Klinect seconded the motion. Vote on the Motion: Unanimous Approval.

REPORTS

President's Report – Wendi Zwaduk

There was nothing to report at this time.

Vice President/Membership Report – Kathy Burrer

Kathy reported that she received a yearly membership this evening. The Friends now have 33 yearly members; 20 lifetime members; and 5 corporate members for a total of 58 members.

Treasurer's Report – Patti Baker

Wendi Zwaduk reported for Patti Baker in her absence. The balance as of this date is \$11,049.38.

Sunshine Committee Report – Linda Chapin

There was nothing to report at this time.

EPLS Director's Report – Jennifer Starkey

Jennifer reported that the Storybook Stroll in the LaGrange Community Park is in need of repair. The stations are rusty, the pages are not mounted well, and the plastic cases are dingy. EPLS is working with KEY (Keystone Empowers You) Collaborative to have the storybook stations replaced. There were 18 stations; we will have 20 new ones. The plan is to have them up for Fall. EPLS maintenance will put up the new heavier and stronger stations. The park ground crew will report to EPLS any need to service and maintain the stations. Also, an EPLS search committee is currently working on replacing a vacant staff position at the Keystone Branch. They have some great candidates.

OLD BUSINESS

Painting Pictures of Books Near the Sorting Room (chair rail status) – Wendi Zwaduk

Wendi reported that the wall is not prepared yet for any painting.

Book Collection and Sorting - Wendi Zwaduk

Wendi reported that the Friends currently have 9,027 books in storage. The next sorting date is Monday, August 7, 2023.

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2023 Fall Book Sale (November 16 – 19, 2023) - Wendi Zwaduk

There is no new news at this time.

Feedback on Book Donation Drop-Off Day at LaGrange Village Municipal Building (Saturday, July 15, 2023; 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon)

Wendi Zwaduk reported that 13 vehicles dropped off books (5 between 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.; 4 between 10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; and 4 between 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon). Seven Friends volunteered to help out (two at the drop off area and five in the sorting room). We could use a couple more volunteers in the drop-off area; a couple volunteers to move books from the lobby to the sorting room, and a couple more volunteers in the sorting room. A suggestion was made to advertise the August drop-off date at the one in July if we do two of them next year.

Shred Day/Donation Day at Keystone Library Branch -Saturday, August 5, 2023; 9 a.m. - noon

Cindy Klinect and Wendi Zwaduk will put some of the donated books on Shred/Donation Day in bins and leave them at the LaGrange Village Municipal Building. Wendi will contact Vince Siegman and will ask him to place a notice of the shred/donation day on the LaGrange Community Board in the Town Square. EPLS will place an ad in the Rural Urban Record and post information of the event on their Facebook Page (which Wendi will also share on the Friends FB Page).

Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway Drive

Wendi Zwaduk reported that there are donated items in the Friends Library Office that she will place in the last backpack. We will then have a total of 4 backpacks.

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

Wendi posted on the Friends’ Facebook Page book collections/locations; donation drop-off days; back-to-school backpack giveaway drive, and general posts about books and the library.

NEW BUSINESS

Reminder – No August Meeting

There will be no meeting of the Friends in August. The next meeting date will be Thursday, September 21, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Kathy Burrer made a motioned to adjourn the meeting. Marilyn Offenber seconded the motion. Vote on the motion: Unanimous Approval. Wendi Zwaduk, President, adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Karleskint, Secretary (08/12/2023)