

Approved 10/19/2023
FRIENDS OF EPLS KEYSTONE
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 21, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
EPLS Keystone Branch

Members Present

Kathy Burrer; Eileen French; Sylvia Hack; Mary Gress; Mary Karleskint; Cindy Klinect; Debby Krejsa (Keystone Branch Manager); Sue Lewis; Marianne Sommerfelt; Iris Tewksbury; Peg Yunker; Wendi Zwaduk

CALL TO ORDER

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

Approval of Minutes from July 20, 2023 Meeting

Iris Tewksbury made a motion to approve the July 20, 2023 minutes. Kathy Burrer 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 34 yearly members; 20 lifetime members; and 5 corporate members for a total of 59 members.

Treasurer's Report – Patti Baker

Iris Tewksbury reported for Patti Baker in her absence. The balance for the month of August is \$10,899.38. The Friends received a letter from Northwest Bank. Beginning in August, the bank will charge their customers a \$5.00 monthly assessment for printing account statements. To receive a statement on the Friends CD from Huntington Bank, customers must go into the bank personally to request it, and the bank will print one out for them for a \$5.00 fee. The interest accrued on the CD for the month of August was \$167.81.

Wendi Zwaduk mentioned that the Friends need to look for a member to replace the current Treasurer, or a member to help Patti Baker during her time in recovery.

Sunshine Committee Report – Linda Chapin

Linda reported that she sent a get-well card to Mary Karleskint, and she will be sending a get-well card to Paula Pietch.

Wendi Zwaduk brought in a basket for the Kim Strauss (past Mayor of Lagrange) Memorial Scholarship Raffle. The Lagrange Quilters donated a lap quilt, pot holders, stuffed animals and tea. Mary Gress brought in a couple cozy mystery books, a puzzle, and hot chocolate to include in the basket. The Friends suggested putting a \$50.00 Friendship Gas gift card in the basket. Mary Gress volunteered to help Linda Chapin with putting the basket together on book sorting day this coming Monday.

EPLS Director's Report – Jennifer Starkey

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Debby Krejsa reported for Jennifer Starkey in her absence. The repair on the Storybook Stroll in the LaGrange Community Park is in the works. Debby reported that the Keystone Branch is asking the Friends' help in donating \$300.00 to purchase some interactive toys and a toy chest for the Children's Room in the library. The toys would be used for their preschool programs. Once a month, they hold a picnic program for parents with toddlers. They bring in a snack and a blanket and watch a 15 min. cartoon. The library doesn't have too many interactive toys for the children. Debby passed around a sheet listing the toys and toy chest they would like to purchase for the Children's Room.

Iris Tewksbury made a motion for the Friends to donate \$300.00 to purchase the interactive toys and toy chest for the library's children room. Cindy Klinect seconded the motion. Vote on the Motion: Unanimous Approval.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Wendi reported that there will be no chair rail. Wendi made a mock up drawing of what a 28' x 7' color painting would look like on the wall near the sorting room. The drawing would include the old and new Keystone Library and the original churches in the Lagrange Village. Wendi passed around the drawing at the meeting. The Friends were impressed and delighted with the drawing, and asked Wendi to move forward with the painting.

Book Collection and Sorting - Wendi Zwaduk

Wendi reported that, for the month of August, the Friends currently have 1,910 books in storage for a total of 10,937 books, which is more than the Friends had last year.

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

On the first sorting day in October, the Friends Sorting Crew will get a committee together to plan the organization of the Fall Book Sale (Chair; Volunteers, etc.)

Feedback on Shred Day/Donation Day at Keystone Library Branch - Saturday, August 5, 2023

There was a poor turn out for Shred/Donation Day. Only 4 vehicles came to the event over the three-hour period (1 car between 9 and 10; 1 car between 10 and 11; and 2 cars between 11 and 12). There were 8 volunteer workers. The Friends took the donated books to the sorting room after the event. We needed more publicity for this event.

Feedback on Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway Drive

The Friends had 4 backpacks filled with school supplies. The library received a total of 91 entries from 53 patrons. There were 8 entries from one child. Two boys and two girls received the backpacks. The leftover donation of school supplies were donated to the Lorain County "Fill the Bus".

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

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Wendi posted on the Friends' Facebook Page general information such as their collection of donated items for the book sale; the back-to-school backpack giveaway; donation drop-off days; and posts on the library and books. Wendi did place an ad in Book Sale Finder for our Book Sale.

NEW BUSINESS

Little Library – Mary Karleskint

Mary Karleskint has been taking care of the Little Library while Patti Baker is recovering. Mary mentioned that, during later months in the summer, residents were filling up the Little Library with books to a point that she was unable to organize it in the town square. Wendi and Mary decided to leave the Little Library as it is now and to not add or take away books. They would like to have the Little Library taken down and have it repainted by the Friends. Wendi mentioned that the Friends could get some acrylic paint from the hardware store in town. The Little Library would need to be moved to the sorting room to be painted. The Friends suggested taking the Little Library down in the winter season when the residents are not using it as much.

Tree Lighting – Wendi Zwaduk

Wendi pointed out that the Friends need to start planning for the Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held on Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Keystone Library. We need a Friend to put the lights on the tree outside. Debby Krejsa announced that there will be cookies, hot chocolate, and a little more activities than last year.

Christmas in the Village – Wendi Zwaduk

Christmas in Lagrange Village is schedule for the first Sunday in December at the Village Building. Wendi suggested the idea of the Friends giving out children's books and cookies to the children at the event. The Friends could also put out membership applications.

Halloween Stroll

A Halloween Stroll will be taking place where the Storybook Stroll is in the LaGrange Community Park on Saturday, October 28, 2023. It was recommended that the EPLS have their bookmobile there.

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 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Karleskint, Secretary (09/29/2023)