

Wilson Community Library Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2023

Attendees: Kathy Neville, Kate Peck, Meghan Bauer, Pauline Kurtz, Nancy Simmons, James Maden, Amy Seeley, Janet Hoffman, Bonnie Benton

Meeting called Order 7:10pm .

Approval of January Minutes- with correction to next meeting date-
Pauline/Jim-Approved

Meeting with Friends of the Library Leadership:

- **Janet Hoffman:** Current Secretary. Has been with the Friends for well over 30 years. Michelle Blair got it started in 1991. Struggling with members wanting to participate in events. Always have participated in any organizations that have asked for help, or anything that happens on Main Street. Raised donations to do the Circulation Desk, the finishing of the Children's Room, a calendar, cleaned up the backyard. They do presentations as well. They set up presentations on topics that people need to hear, not necessarily what they want to hear. A Wine Night to support Carolyn's House. An evening honoring Ann Rohring. Several student Art Shows. Cookie Sales. These are just a few examples of the many things they do for the community. Donate to the endowment yearly.
- **Bonnie Benton:** Current President. Has been with the Friends since the early 2000s. There are 8 active members currently. Marketing is difficult to tackle. We use social media and posters put up all over town. They ask the WCL Board to be advocates for them, get the word out about them. Looking for people with a passion for something to do a program.
 - **Programming:** *Diane Day*- Local Artist-interested in displaying her artwork for a week in March. *Denise Wood* will be displaying her photographs for a week in March as well.
 - **February 21**-Tom H is coming to present on raptors and owls.
 - **March 9th** - Honey bees
 - **July 15th**- WildLife Rehabbers.
 - Jerry Winquist- Organic farmer on 104- looking for a date for him to come.
 - **Composting Program**- Bonnie Benton
 - An interest in the Wine and Art Night again
 - Seed Lending Library- Needs more promotion. Bonnie is getting ready
 - **Earth Day**- April 22, 2023- Children's Seed Lending Program.
- Nancy will meet with The Friends and Meghan for scheduling of programs so that there aren't any conflicts or resistance, and the programs are balanced.
- Kathy proposed a system to align the programs and manage the calendar so we can market and promote them.
- The door to both the Friends' meetings and the Library Board meetings are always open..
- Nancy and Bonnie exchanged emails for programming purposes.

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Treasurer's Report and paid bills as presented-Pauline/Nancy-Approved

- Discussed changes made to last year's budget

Bills to be Paid as presented

- Verizon- \$110.50
- National Fuel- \$140.27
- Centurylink- \$6.71
- National Grid- \$153.49
- NIOGA- \$554.83- Monthly Access
- Spectrum- \$119.98
- Barker Library- \$18
- Baker & Taylor- \$189.46- Book Purchase
- Hoopla \$283.16
- Maid to Perfection \$400 -4 Wednesdays in Jan

Director's Report to be Paid as presented--Approved

- See Director's Report for details
 - Donations
 - \$100- Catherine Brown
 - Ongoing Programming
 - Book Bundles- 9 kids
 - New Mystery Item from Historical Society
 - Gadgets and Gears Program- 4 people in Jan. Running again in Feb
 - Future Programming- Putt Night, Stuffed Animal Sleepover, Teen Night, Family Game Night, Dentist Storytime, Pine cone bird feeders.
 - National Pizza Day Storytime- Feb 9- There was a huge turnout for this event about 30!
 - Send 3 month program list for the Town Newsletter

Correspondence

- Received a phone call complimenting how Ann handles the "business" of the library.

Status 2020 NYS Grant:

- Ramp remediation- Set a goal to get the quote from Leo Fournier
- Quote of \$2, 776.20 for 3 Foldable tables with wheels for the Community Room was agreed upon.
- Meghan will search for options for a smaller desk for "kitchen office"
- Remaining balance around \$20K

Friends' Activities:

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- There are approx. 73 children registered in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, 89 have already graduated.
- Bird Presentation- Feb. 21 @ 7pm

Questions/Concerns/Old Business/Other

- Community Fund- 2023 Disbursement-We need to let Aaron know if we want the disbursement.
- The Annual Report is due to NIOGA March 1st.- Quickbooks and the Report match to the penny. We have \$1,683 more t
- Printing/Copying prices from other libraries were presented. We decided to table the decision to change ours until the next meeting.

New Business

- March 16th- Parent Resource Night at the HS- 5:30-7.
- Feb 4th- Wilson Calendar Meeting- Bringing a Festival to Wilson this Summer, the same weekend as the Wllson Soccer Tournament (June 17th).
- Suzanne Perry, "Lost Souls of Leningrad" is booked for March 20th @6pm. Suzanne is a Wilson Graduate.
- Hochul is proposing to cut library funding by \$3.5 million, \$20 million off of Library Construction. Time would like a proposed amount of money we would apply for within the next 5 years.
- We need to do an audit. Look into Freed Maxick or Pat Brown. Must be done ASAP. Megan will call Freed Maxick.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45-Amy/Pauline- Approved

Next meeting- March 13, 2023 @ 7pm