

**FRIENDS OF ELYRIA PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES**  
**2/1/21 VIRTUAL MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Celeste Brlas, Jane Leavell, Kathy Schreiber, Maggie LeGlise

**STAFF:** Lyn Crouse, Adam Matthews

**OTHER:** Rosalie Cunningham

Meeting called to order at 6:04. Celeste Brlas welcomed Rosalie Cunningham to her first Friends of Elyria Public Library Board Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**

In Maggie LeGlise's absence—she arrived online later—Celeste reviewed the Treasurer's Report mailed to us by Maggie. We have a total of \$8,567,39, but anticipate more as we receive money from Maynard Miller this week, and add in recent membership dues, and receive the \$5000 the Community Foundation will pay us this year. Jane Leavell moved to accept the report, and Kathy Schreiber moved to accept it. Motion passed.

**Minutes**

Celeste moved to accept the minutes from December's virtual meeting. Kathy seconded it. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports—Sorting**

Jane reported that last Friday she and the Metzgers emptied and sorted 13 more boxes of the Children's Non-Fiction books from West River. During that day Joe came to clean the Taylor Street building and explained to Jane that if the waste department opens the bin and sees hardcover books in the recycle bin, they will close it and call the trash truck to return and take it, costing the library \$150. Lyn had never heard of this issue. I explained it to the Metzgers on Friday, and shredded two books, but they put the others in boxes to review for the Little Library. There are three boxes of books waiting for delivery to the county jail, all paperback. Both Rosalie and Jane offered to accompany Celeste to deliver them, possibly after the Covid pandemic is more under control.

Maynard Miller is coming on Thursday to pick up the 242 boxes we have on hand. Phil Lyon and Dave Wessely will come move the boxes to his truck. Normal first-Friday sorting will take place the next day.

**Committee Reports—Membership**

Of the sixty membership renewal letters Celeste sent out, 34 have returned with membership renewals. Her next letter will be sent to people who last renewed between 2015 and 2017. She will meet with Maggie to turn over the dues received.

**Director's Report**

The carpeting for West River's second floor has been installed. The building is set to reopen on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The new Central should finish construction this summer and open in the fall. Lyn was able to call back to work staff laid off due to Covid-19.

**New Business**

We plan to accept public donations of books at Taylor Street from one to three o'clock on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Avon Library posted in the newspaper that they would be accepting a mass donation of public books on an upcoming Saturday, and Celeste suggested that we consider a similar project this summer.

Adam Matthews is posting the virtual minutes of our meetings since last October on Facebook, and he and Celeste are meeting to plan posting some other items to keep the website new/current.

I introduced Rosalie Cunningham, who has been sorting since it was done in the Sheide Room back around 2000. She drops by whenever available to do some sorting, sometimes alone, sometimes meeting me. She is cheerful, trustworthy, and helpful. Jane nominated her a position on the FEPLS Board. Celeste Brlas seconded the motion, which was approved.

The next meeting is a virtual one at 6 p.m. on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting ended at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Leavell, Secretary

## AGENDA

Call to Order:

Welcome

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Treasurer's Report - Maggie

Committee Reports

Sorting - Jane

Membership –

Director's Report - Lyn

Old Business:

Maynard Miller Pick up – Thursday, February 4th 1:00 @ Taylor St

Public Donations – Friday, March 5th 1:00-3:00 @ Taylor St

Should we schedule a Donation Day, perhaps in late spring?

New Business:

Friends meeting notes will be posted on the EPLS website under the Friends tab.

Rosalee Cunningham new Board member

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TREASURER'S REPORT

2/1/2021

	NOV.	DEC.	JAN. 2021
Beginning Balance	\$16,046.64	\$16,046.64	\$8,576.39
INCOME			
Dues	-	-	-
Donations	-	29.75	-
Foundation allocation			-
Book sales (gross)	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	\$-	\$29.75	\$-
EXPENSES			
FRIEND'S EXPENSES			
Supplies	\$-	-	-
Postage	-	-	-
Change fund (Book Sale)	-	-	-
Organizational dues	-	-	-
Memorials	-	-	-
Bank service fees	-	-	-
Government filing fees	-	-	-
LIBRARY GIFTS			
EPLS building pledge	\$-	7,500.00	-
EPLS Schaeffer fund	-	-	-
EPLS printer lease	-	-	-
EPLS levy	-	-	-
Summer reading program	-	-	-
OH obituary subscription	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$-	\$7,500.00	\$-
Ending balance	<u>\$16,046.64</u>	<u>\$8,576.39</u>	<u>\$8,576.39</u>

Good News for next month: The Community Foundation FEPLS allocation this year will be \$5,090.00. I will request that allocation be given to us ASAP. We also will have some income this month from dues and Maynard.