

## **FRIENDS OF ELYRIA PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES**

**8-1-22**

**PRESENT:** Celeste Brlas, Maggie LeGlise, Janet Woconish, Rosalie Cunningham, Scott Serazin, Maggie Savoy, Jane Leavell, Kathy Schreiber, Nancy Baldauf

**OTHER:** Jennifer Starkey

Meeting opened at 2:06 p.m.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Summer Reading Program ended with 620 children registered, 112 teens who read 587 books between them, and 312 adults who read about 3000 books. Next year's theme is "All Together Now", dealing with friendship.

Nearly 400 people responded to the strategic planning survey, which is being reviewed now.

### **MINUTES**

There was no July meeting. Nancy moved to approve the June minutes, Maggie LeGlise seconded, and motion passed.

No minutes have been posted online since March. In future, it was agreed that we shouldn't post the traditional complete detailed minutes; the secretary should write a brief summary, a "Synopsis of (month) Meeting", that doesn't include the treasurer's report and describes motions as approved but doesn't name who moved and seconded, and so forth.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Current balance is \$13,440.17. Rosalie moved to approve the report, Kathy seconded, and motion passed. "Fidelity Charitable" sent a \$100 check made out by "Turn to the Wonderful" with a letter asking us to let them join as a member of our library group. The restriction would be that it not be used for political purposes on either side. We will research this before deciding at the next meeting.

### **SORTING**

Maggie LeGlise came in and packed 7 boxes; Rosalie came in and emptied several shelves; Janet Woconish also packed boxes on her own. Scott came in and cleared the overloaded "trash" table and empty boxes. On the official last Friday sorting day, Jane, Kathy, Scott, and the Metzgers came in. We got a lot done this month. When we cleared the pallet for Chris, he said, "I'm sorry, but I'm going to be using it to bring in a LOT of books. On top of that, Phil Lyon has 50 boxes in his garage from the recent Lorain Metroparks sale.

We're going to request that people don't donate catalogs, old medical books, old Fodor-style travel books, anything unlikely to sell for a dollar apiece. We're also going to announce that due to the book sale and upcoming winter, when volunteers don't enjoy standing outside for two hours waiting to see if cars will pull up, Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup> will be our last Taylor Street donation day until the first Friday of March. However, all EPLS libraries will continue to accept donations and will bring their withdrawn books to Taylor Street, too.

## **BOOK SALE**

The sale will begin Thursday, October 12th. From 10 to noon the members of Friends can enter free, and no one else. From noon to 6 p.m. entrance will cost \$5 for anyone not a Friends member. Friday and Saturday will be free to all from 10 to 6. Sunday will be two bags for \$5, from 11 to 3. After 3, we'll have basically non-profit groups encouraged to pick up as many free books as possible.

Groups to invite include:

- Salvation Army
- Goodwill in Westlake
- Spectrum (a Lorain group for autistic children)
- Blessing House
- Lorain County Children Services
- Verizon
- Head Start
- The Metzgers for the Lorain Public Library book sales
- Phil Stammeti, County Sheriff

Note that the largest amount of leftover books will most likely be non-fiction. Fiction and children's books are easier to dispose of.

We have an unused banner to be strung over Broad Street announcing the book sale the second week of October at St. John Lutheran.

Who will move our boxes from Taylor Street to St. John Lutheran? Last year it was Midwest Installation. We're waiting to hear from them. We'll tell them to expect about 1000 boxes.

Kathy Schreiber will make a list of jobs for the sale and who will be in charge of them.

Janet Stoffer will make a list of information she needs.

Will we need to arrange security of some kind?

A book sale meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, at Taylor Street.

## **FEPLS APPRECIATION**

One free preview day at the book sale doesn't seem like much return for a \$25 yearly membership fee. What if we create and distribute a Friends bookmark? How about a post-book sale Friends party? Why not give our members a bag with our icon on it, perhaps to carry at the sale or just in general?

## **CONNECT TO A CAUSE**

The Community Foundation of Lorain County will host Connect to a Cause, a coordinated, 12-hour fundraising event, on **September 17, 2020**, to rally the community to support nearly 50 area non-profit organizations serving Lorain County. We're one of the non-profit groups. We plan to send out two letters, one to Friends members only, and one to local businesses. Maggie Savoy and Celeste, during the meeting, compiled a list of 25 Elyria businesses who might donate. Maggie LeGlise distributed drafts of the two letters for us to review.

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## **SYNOPSIS OF AUGUST 2022 FRIENDS MEETING**

### **Book Sorting**

We received 50 boxes of leftover books from Lorain County Metroparks' sale. The library also continues to send us withdrawn books, CDs, and DVDs. Please don't send us old catalogs, old medical books, old Fodor travel books that predate Covid, or anything else you yourself wouldn't spend a dollar on. We only have about seven volunteers to sort all those books every month.

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### **Book Sale**

We're back at St. John Lutheran Church!

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