

**Friends of Webster Library
General Membership Minutes
March 16, 2023**

Present: Linda Wilson, Robyn Incardona, Marge Gascon, Eileen Brookins, Ruth Tetlow, Winanne Messing, DebSuffoletto, Gail Dominik, Judi Gerew, Marge Martellotta, Kim Hanna, Angela Demerle, Diane Jordan, Mark Herden

Guest: Jenny Paxson, Reader's Discovery Librarian and Library Liaison

Linda called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

Treasurer's Report: Marge reported that the Lobby Book Store made \$3,184.25 during February. A check for \$15,000 was recently given to the library. This included some monies raised at the end of 2022 as well as monies raised in early 2023.

Book Sale: Winanne reported that a sign promoting Member's Night (April 26) is now in the Lobby Book Store. Flyers, bookmarks, and other publicity for the book sale will be distributed soon. Sign up Genius will be sent by email soon for volunteers to sign up to work the book sale

Vintage Book Sale: The Vintage Book Sale will be held June 3 from 10 am to 1 pm. Volunteers are needed.

Lobby Book Store: Robyn reported that the sales continue to be very strong in the Lobby Book Store. Library programming such as AARP tax service, has increased the foot traffic in the Lobby Book Store and increased sales. Look for publicity of the Lobby Book Store in social media.

Membership: Marge reported the membership renewals went out by email in February. All memberships need to be renewed by March 1st. As of this date, 61 renewals have been received including 3 new lifetime memberships for a total of 71 lifetime members. The membership renewals also included \$200 in donations. Currently there are 527 members in the database. Members who have not renewed since 2018 will be removed from the members database. Members who use Spectrum for their emails and have an email address ending in rochester.rr.com are experiencing difficulty receiving emails from the Friends. Spectrum has flagged these emails as spam. Members will need to go into their spam settings and mark Friends of the Webster Public Library as allowed. Members who use Spectrum email services will be notified of the problem.

Volunteer Opportunities: Gail reported that she has sent letters to new volunteers concerning volunteer opportunities. The Library program volunteers will have a mentor volunteer with them. She encouraged experienced Friend volunteers to sign up for these programs. Gail meets new volunteers at the event to make sure they are comfortable with the expectations. Upcoming

events in need of volunteers are Community Arts Day on April 15th and Volunteer Fair on May 11th.

Publicity: Eileen reported that the publicity committee is working with Colleen Hernandez to increase awareness of the Friends on social media. The website has recently been updated. We are very grateful to Colleen and Jenny Paxon for all their support in helping the Friends share important information about the Friends with the community.

New Board Members: Linda shared that the FWPL Board of Directors are looking for new board members. The board meets every other month (opposite months from the general membership meetings) at 2pm. Board members and the Advisory Committee meet to conduct the business of the Friends. Please contact Linda if you have any questions or are interested in joining the Friends of Webster Public Library Board of Directors.

Library News: Jenny reported that the Webster Public Library Foundation is participating in Kittelbergers Generosity in Bloom fundraiser through the end of March. Two arrangements are available, one for \$65 and one for \$100. Kittelbergers will donate 20% of each sale from the designated arrangements to the Webster Public Library Foundation. Monies raised by the Foundation support special projects at the library. In the past projects included such things as Wi-Fi Hotspots, media signage, outdoor sound equipment for summer story times, senior space signage, reading lamps, reading tablets for early literacy skills and the first year of a subscription to Hoopla. To participate please click on the link below.

<https://www.kittelbergerflorist.com/flowers/floral-poetry-generosity-in-bloom-arrangement/>

The library is collecting donations of formal wear through March for teens as prom season begins. A local bridal store that is closing donated 40 formal dresses to the library.

A \$500 donation was given to the library from a new Webster resident. Adam suggested the donation be made to the Friends of the Webster Public Library.

Caps for Sale: This fall the Friends will once again have a Caps for Sale fundraiser. Volunteers may donate handmade hats to the Friends for this fundraiser. More details will follow.

Pot Luck Lunch: Please join us on April 1st in the Community Room for a Potluck Lunch. Bring a dish to pass, outlets are available for crock pots, plates and silverware are provided. Join us at 11am for a social hour followed by lunch at noon.

Farmer's Market: The Friends will be looking to participate in the Joe Obie Farm Market held on Saturdays at the Towne Center Plaza and on Wednesdays at Charles E Sexton Park. Watch for details to follow on how you may participate.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm

Respectfully submitted

Eileen Brookins

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