



Friends of the Webster Public Library | 980 Ridge Road | Webster, NY 14580

**Friends of the Webster Public Library  
General Meeting Minutes  
September 20, 2023**

**Present:** Linda Wilson, Brenda Rubenstein, Angela Demerle, Gail Dominik, Kelley Kitrinis, Richard Reid, Ruth Tetlow, Peg Ehmann, Debbie Suffoletto, Desiree Moore, Millie Ippolito, Patricia Northrup, Mehdi Araghi, Brenda Levengood, Cheryl Minchella, Diane Jordan, Ted Cole, Karen Stoddard, Valerie Eaton

**Guest:** Jenny Paxton, library liaison

Linda called the meeting to order at 2:00pm, and welcomed new members.

**Minutes from May 16, 2023:** The minutes for the May 16, 2023 were accepted as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Lobby Sale generated \$4194 in August. The Friends will be writing a check to the Webster Public Library for \$15,000 in the near future.

**Book Sale:** Peg reported that the Book Sale to be held Oct 18-21 is in good shape. Peg reported that the tablecloths and aprons with the Friends Logo on them will be ready soon. There is a need for folding tables for the event.

**Vintage Book Sale:** The sale will be November 11 from 10-1pm. There will be 15 tables and 199 books for sale. Richard will be offering these books to additional sale channels through University of Rochester. He is hoping for a Spring sale in March, 2024.

**Membership:** Six new members were added since the last accounting.

**Publicity:** Kelly has the list of places and links regarding publicity for the Book Sale. The posters for the Sale are ready and all flyers have been given to Ted. Publicity for other Fall programs is being prepared.

**Volunteers:** Gail reported on three volunteer opportunities: On Saturday, September 30 at 11am there will be a Readers, Writers and Connection Program. On Thursday November 2 and Saturday November 4, there will be a "Caps for Sale Fundraiser" sale, and on Thursday, October 27 from 5-7 there will be a Halloween Trick or Treat. If you are interested in volunteering at any of these programs, please contact Gail.

**Lobby Book Store:** Linda discussed changes to the lobby itself, including new shelves, which could be done by the Boy Scouts or perhaps the Technology Group at Webster Schroeder High School. The

Childrens' Wall also needs redecoration and Linda mentioned that there are decorated canvases at the Webster Recreation Center that might work as a model for the Childrens' Wall. This should be a community project. Linda asked for volunteers to get the Project launched.

**Library News:** The summer reading program was a success with 479 people participating and 798 reading logs returned. There is a Town Board meeting on the budget next month—a workshop on October 12 and public hearing on October 19, at 7:30pm.

**Miscellaneous:**

- It was proposed that there be a recognition of Friends volunteers during Friends of the Library Week. Candy bars with Thank You labels are planned. Volunteers are needed to help with this project so the candy bars can be handed out during Book Sale Week.
- Peg asked to be relieved of taking care of the Little Free Library. She was offered help by Ted Cole and Diane Jordan.
- Linda announced there will be a ceremony honoring Marge Gascon, recipient (posthumously) of the NYLA award for Advocacy, now scheduled for November 11, 2023 at 3:00 pm.
- Peg announced there is a vacancy on the Webster Library Board of Trustees. The Board is looking for someone with a financial background.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm

The next general membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 2pm in the Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen Brookins  
Secretary

