



FRIENDS OF THE W.K. SANFORD COLONIE TOWN LIBRARY MEETING MINUTE May 5, 2020 – 10:00 AM

NOTE: Because of the current CoronaVirus Pandemic (causing the closure of the physical library), this meeting is being held via Zoom.

ATTENDING (via Zoom)

Edye Benson, Jan Hagen, Becky Klope, Leslye Milos, Katelyn Reepmeyer, Louise McColgin, Evelyn Neale, Jennifer Soucy,

LIBRARY

Evelyn reported:

- Digital use is way up. The Library has been working on purchasing digital materials. Their online storytimes are very popular (on Facebook). The Library now offers Hoopla, a digital media service.
- The book return has been closed. The books had to be quarantined for 72 hours. It was becoming too difficult to manage the process, and the returns were taking up too much space.
- Book donations still cannot be accepted.
- Curbside service will be the first phase opened, beginning hopefully some time in June. This process is being worked out, so that everyone can be kept safe.

BOOK NOOK

- The consensus was that we will not open the Book Nook this summer. Everyone felt that it would not be safe, particularly considering the size of the Nook space. Also, it would be too difficult to keep the books sanitized if people were browsing and touching items.
- Many people said they wouldn't feel comfortable working at the Book Nook.

- Edye said she would consider opening it in late July/August if things drastically changed, and she wouldn't mind working at it. Edye suggested locating the books outside (but again, we came back to discussing how we would keep the books sanitized).
- Evelyn discussed the idea of bundling a few books together by genre and selling them as is. There would be no browsing; customers would just take what is grouped. Evelyn said that the library is considering doing this for the used books they sell. Evelyn asked if we wanted to take an online poll and see if people would be interested in buying book bundles.
- Jen discussed opening up the shed and getting volunteers (or teens) to bundle up books that we have stored there and then selling those. Becky said she did not think we would find anyone to do this, as the majority of our volunteer base is in the high-risk age group. Also, she said she did not feel comfortable doing it. Jan thought it was premature to discuss this idea too much and that we should wait and see what the future looks like.

CAR WASH TICKETS

Evelyn and Jen asked if we were going to post online about selling car wash tickets. Becky mentioned that, at the moment, only the Hoffman drive-through car washes are open, and the tickets can't be used for those. She also said she didn't feel comfortable selling/fundraising during the current situation.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Evelyn recommended we should send an email to the list, touching base and checking in with everyone. Becky will take care of this.
- Evelyn asked if the library could distribute the curbside pick-ups using the reusable bags that the Friends recently purchased. She thought it would be good publicity for our group. Becky discussed that this would be expensive and we would need to order hundreds more right away. We then discussed using paper bags with the Friends logo printed on them or blank bags with a label/sticker. Jen will look into prices for purchasing paper bags and then will present the group with a request.

- Jan thanked Evelyn and the staff for the great job they have been doing. Leslye passed along thanks to Kathy (Evelyn's assistant) for forwarding all of the mail to her.

Next meeting: Tuesday, JUNE 9, 2020 at 10:00 am via Zoom.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Becky Klope, President.