



FRIENDS OF THE W.K. SANFORD COLONIE TOWN LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES

February 11th, 2025 6:00PM

ATTENDING

Judi Gallop, Dave Ferrill, Nicole Hoffman, Becky Klope, Jen Lammon, Ruth Lyons, Louise McColgin, Leslye Milos, Elliot Robins, Jennifer Soucy, Elissa Valente, Mary Van Ullen.

LIBRARY REPORT

Elissa gave the library report. The group of volunteers who maintain the gardens will be purchasing some fencing to deter the Canada geese. The library is revising the policy on booking rooms and more information will follow. Staff are working on preparations for the Summer Reading Program, and this year's theme will be Color Our World. They are going to be doing more record keeping with paper forms this year, which are simpler to manage than electronic records. The kick-off will be June 20th from 6-8pm. The library building will be closed and all activities will be held outside. Because of the high attendance, there will be a focus on having performers instead of individual activities like face painting because the lines were excessive last year. Elissa attended Advocacy Day. She proposed that we change the day for accepting donations to better coordinate with the staff hours of the individual who does the selection for the library. Friends could do their sorting on a different day.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Leslye presented the Treasurer's Report.

2025 Friends of the Library Budget Month of January	
Total Income	\$4,984.83
Total Expenses	\$1,049.29
Total Balance in Accounts	\$153,202.76

Dave Ferrill can help with the audit. Elissa will forward the name of a community member who may be able to help with tax filing.

REQUESTS

Name: Christine Saxe Funding Amount: \$350

What is the funding for? Ice Age program

This program will highlight the ice age and explore the life of cavemen and the unusual animals that inhabited the planet. It will feature two amazing animal skulls. You will see actual fossils

and early tools of humans and play a “Are You Smarter than a Caveman?” game show! I am also considering having them come and do two workshops with the school age children that same day and then the family night performance. I am awaiting their response. Each child will have the opportunity to dig up a real Mastodon bone and help us build a Mastodon. Thank you so much for supporting our wonderful events!

Category: Youth Services Date Funding is required: We will need a 200 dollar deposit now and they need to be paid for the rest by the date of the performance, July 10th
This request needed some clarification and will be tabled for a future meeting.

Name: Ann-Marie Helldorfer

Funding amount: \$72.03

What is the funding for? Online order for STEAM & Preschool programs.

Order of 3 Steve Spangler Science Kits: STEM Success Kit: Power of Air; Extreme Bubble Solution; Glow Powder Kit.

Category: Youth Services

Date Funding is Required: ASAP

Mary moved to approve. Elliot seconded. Friends approved the request.

Name: Elissa Valente

Funding amount: Approximately \$1,500/yr

What is the funding for? Replacement for Crystal Rock water

As we discussed at a prior meeting, the library staff have been investigating possible alternatives to Crystal Rock. Elissa presented information about other options after consulting with colleagues at other libraries. The most promising option appears to be a filtering system from Saratoga Pure, which also offers ice which would be useful. Their system offers hot and cold water and is a rental unit that they will service. The approximate cost would be \$1,500 per year. There was some question about the terms of the contract should we cancel and Elissa will get more information.

Dave moved to approve and Louise seconded. The request was approved.

POP-UP MYSTERY SALE, March 1, 11am-4pm

Amy is organizing this and has a few volunteers, but there are more slots available.

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY FUNDRAISER Feb. 1-14th

There are a few more days for the fundraiser, but it is running well and we’ve made \$963 so far.

BOOK NOOK –Opening Saturday, May 3rd

We won’t be doing the free book giveaway at the Repair Cafe this year because it’s the same day of the Book Nook opening.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm. **The next meeting will be held on Tues. March 11th, 2025, in person at the library at 6:00pm.**

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Van Ullen, Secretary.