

North Riverside Library Foundation

Virtual meeting minutes

November 23, 2021 7:00 PM

Call to Order: Kathleen Spale called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Present; Kathleen Spale, Koula Tricoci, Lenora Giurini, Stephanie Lancken, Vera Wilt, Marge Hook, John Mathias, and Natalie Starosta. Absent; Annette Corgiat, Monica Pineda, Nadia Nammari, PJ Folz, and Jeanne Eichorst.

Approval of minutes: Vera made a motion to approve the minutes of October 19, 2021. Stephanie seconded, and by a voice vote the motion passed.

Library Board-Annette Corgiat; In Annette's absence, Natalie reported that John is working on getting the strip area on 1st and Cermak, and the area north of Cermak, between 1st and 9th (which the National Guard uses for maintenance, annexed. Neither area is part of the North Riverside boundaries. The areas are not included in our Library District. If it would be part of our Library District, we would be eligible for extra funds. The Illinois statutes state that if the area is not part of any other Library District, it can be annexed to our Library, and would be financially beneficial to us. The Levy meeting is next week.

Treasurer's Report-Koula Tricoci: Koula reported our opening balance was \$32, 735.70. We paid out \$200.00 to the Riverside Food Pantry, \$355.00 for the Book Pages, \$24.95 for the Gateway Web payment, and \$29.90 for 5/3rd ACH Mps Billing. We received \$14.00 from Your Cause, and also \$28.00 from Your Cause. Our ending balance is \$32,153.85. Koula will be adding \$42.00 to our balance from merchandise sales. Vera made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Lenora seconded, and by a voice vote, the motion passed.

Library Board Shirts: After discussion, Marge made a motion to have the Foundation pay for the shirts. Koula seconded, and by a voice vote, the motion passed.

Purchases: Amazon Smile Wish List: Natalie; No update at this time.

Giving Tuesday is on Facebook; Vera, Koula and Natalie are able to post things.

Room Renovation: Natalie reported on some things the Library needs to have funded. At the bottom of the stairs, there is a space they would like to turn into a useable space. They would like to use it for a makers space area for larger things. The renovation would cost about \$11,000.00. It includes walls, ceilings, etc. They would take out a wall to expose a large window. In the Spring, they would like to replace the window shades in the meeting room. They would install 3M protective film on the windows to prevent shattering. There has been a lot of looting and damage going on in Libraries lately. The room can be used for many things. They will be able to show movies during daytime hours. Lenora made a motion to fund the renovation as Natalie described, for about \$11,000.00. Vera seconded, and by a voice vote, the motion passed.

Natalie also mentioned that in the future, the Library will be need a roof renovation. They only last about 10 to 15 years. Lenora asked if there could be some plaque or something to let patrons know the renovations were funded by the Foundation. Natalie said there would be a plaque on the door. Patrons should be aware of all the things the Foundation funds.

Fundraisers: IndieGogo: Natalie will work on this.

AWS Nonprofit: Natalie said there is nothing now, they are expanding the Websight.

Masks and Merchandise: Koula said she feels if we had a raffle of possibly a tea shirt, or mask, it might inspire the people to use the Library. One example, they would get a coupon each time they checked out a nonfiction book. There are many reasons we could use. This would give the Foundation more visibility. Natalie felt the week between Christmas and New Year would be a good week. Lenora said she feels Natalie should choose what she feels would be best. Kathleen will talk with Natalie about this idea.

Annual Membership Postcards: Nothing at this time.

Kay Subaitis: Everyone was impressed with the room, and with the Perpetual Booksale. Natalie said she received \$77.00 from the donation box. Carlene has been monitoring the room and the books. When books remain on the shelves for a length of time, they are weeded out. They are donated to Better World Books. When they sell them, we will get 5% of what they sell. Then they donate what they can't sell.

Shredding: PJ said they are excited to be able to help us again. We have to decide on a date. Spring would probably be better than winter.

Library Holiday Photo Shoot. No update at this time.

Pet Photo Shoot: We will not have the Pet Shoot soon. Spring would probably be a better time.

Unfinished Business: None at this time.

Vera made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lenora seconded, and by a voice vote, the motion passed.

Kathleen Spale adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Marge Hook Secretary