

North Riverside Library Foundation

Virtual Meeting April 19, 2022

6:30 pm

Call to Order: Kathleen Spale called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Roll Call: Present; Kathleen Spale, Koula Tricoci, Nadia Nammari, Lenora Giurini, John Mathias, Stephanie Lancken, Vera Wilt, Marge Hook, and Natalie Starosta.

Absent; PJFolz, Monica Pineda, Jeanne Eichorst, and Annette Corgiat.

Approval of Minutes: Lenora made a motion to approve the minutes of March 22, 2022. Koula seconded, and by a voice vote, the motion passed.

Library Board/ Library: Natalie said the Library is very busy. She has applied for more grants. The book lockers will be ready to go on May 6th. At this time they are training the staff with the workings of the lockers, and are having a few patrons to try out the new lockers, as a practice run.

The parking lot redo is coming up. The Library will be closed for a few days during the work. They are repaving the whole lot. It will be funded with a grant through the State of Illinois. The grant will also include the new concrete and asphalt. The next big project will be the roof replacement within the next 10 years.

We received an emergency connectivity grant which will be used for new tablets.

Natalie believes if you don't have the money for what you need, find it, and she does.

At this time Natalie is working on 6 more grants. She will be applying for an Amazon Fresh sponsorship for the Summer Reading Program. We allowed the Amazon Fresh team, needing a place to have their meeting, to use our meeting room. They were very happy, and especially liked the Smart Board. They will forward our request for sponsorship for our Summer Reading Program.

Sue Locander is retiring on June 2nd after almost 20 years with the Library. Natalie is working on planning a surprise party for her. There are 6 applicants for her job.

Natalie will take applications until April 29th. The new person will start during Sue's last week to allow for a smooth transition.

Treasurer's report: Koula Tricoci

April 2022 NRLF Treasurer's Report

3/22/2022	Beginning Balance	\$33,202.12		
4/7/2022	Your Cause		\$224.00	\$33,426.12
4/12/2020	5/3 rd ACH Mps Billing	\$29.90		\$33,396.22
4/13/2022	NR-Rec for Senior Fair	\$35.00		\$33,361.22
3/22/2022	Ending Balance			\$33,361.22

Name Change: Kathleen mentioned we approved the change at our last meeting. Two documents still have to be signed by the officers.

Senior Fair Advertisement: This event will not be like the regular Senior Fair. About 250 bags will be passed out to seniors. We paid the \$35.00 sponsor fee to allow us to have something included in the bag. We will send a flyer having information about the Library and how people can get involved. Natalie purchased 250 pens with NRLibrary printed on them, which will go into the bag with our flyer.

Update on the Library Website: Natalie got the first draft back. The second draft is due tomorrow. All content will be included. As promised, it will be as user friendly as possible. A volunteer form will also be included.

Library Board Shirts: Natalie is still waiting for a few sizes.

4th of July Parade: Kathleen said we will have a Library car in the parade. If anyone from the Foundation wants to participate, let her know.

Purchases: No report.

2021 Fundraisers: Masks and Merchandise; same as last report.

Kathleen will contact Theresa at Recreation to see if we can sell our merchandise at the concerts. Koula mentioned we could donate a shirt to raffle off. The mayor would announce it at the concert.

For PR, we could pass out pens with the NR Library printed on them. Natalie will order 200 more pens. Lenora is going to check if there are any of the bookmarks we have at the Library with the seeds inside that you can plant.

Natalie brought up a new fundraiser idea. They are Teddy Bear Workshop Kits. Your purchase gets you a unstuffed plush animal, the stuffing, a wish star, in a bag. This could be an activity to do at the Library, or a take home kit. It could be done at the kick off of the Summer Reading Program, or a Holiday Party at the Library. This is different than Build A Bear.

Natalie will order 100 pieces. She is sending each one of us a link so we can vote on the 5 we like the best. After she receives the replies from us, she will let us know which were most popular, and order them. Lenora made a motion to spend up to \$2,000.00 for the kits.

Vera seconded, and by a voice vote, the motion passed.

They are on sale now for \$11.00 each. We could sell the for \$20.00-\$25.00.

Annual membership postcards. Annette and Marge will begin working on this.

Kay Subaitis Room: Natalie said it is going very well. No new deposits at this time.

Shredding Event: Flyers are out. It will be held on May 6th from 10.00-1:30. The students will arrive at 9:00 to set up. We discussed treating the students for pizza. Marge made a motion to purchase pizza for the students. Lenora seconded. The motion includes spending up to \$100.00 for the pizza. By a voice vote, the motion passed. Koula said she shared the flyer in the media posts.

Pet Photo Shoot: It will be virtual, possibly for Mother's Day. Natalie said she has a young man working in the Library who is interested in photography. She will find out if he would be interested in taking photos, if we should decide on taking photos instead if virtual.

Unfinished Business: Natalie gave us wonderful news. She will be having a baby on October 30th. After the birth, she will be taking time off from the Library for about 2 months.

Adjournment: Kathleen adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Marge Hook Secretary.