

Friends of Ainsworth Public Library
September 2, 2021

The meeting was brought to order by Eileen Corriveau at her home at 6:09 p.m.

Present: Karen Bell, Eileen Corriveau, ilene elliott, Sheila Menard, and Alice Simpson

Secretary's Report: Karen made a motion to accept the August 5 minutes and ilene seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Karen gave the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business:

Protocol:

Eileen posted the agenda for this meeting at the Pump and Pantry, town offices, bank, and Library. She will contact Sarah to find out the time Sarah needs the agenda so she can put it on the Library website.

I talked with Sarah about the protocol regarding the minutes. We cannot find anything that says we are subject to the Open Meeting Law. She also looked at a couple of other Friends' groups, and they do not post their minutes. I told her about information Roberta Tracy received from an employee of the Vermont Department of Libraries in 2014, saying the Friends are exempt from compliance from the Open Meeting Law, but requests for 990 forms, names of members of the board, and minutes need to be provided if requested. A few years ago, some other Friends' groups told us they weren't subject to it. I told Sarah I was willing to do as she would like. She suggested we discuss this at our meeting. I am going to continue sending the minutes to her and she can post them on the APL website. I'm not calling them unofficial minutes, even though they are not approved until the following meeting. I will continue to put them in the binder at the Library after approval.

Memorandum of Understanding:

Eileen gave Helen this memorandum the day after our August meeting. Eileen will ask Helen if she will put it before the Board for their consideration and see if they want to make any changes. Eileen will also ask if she can attend the next Board Meeting. Eileen made a motion that once the agreement is signed that we pay the \$300 donation we received plus the \$75 (for the months of September, October, and November). If we have a good fundraiser in the near future, we will consider paying an extra amount with the next quarterly payment. Alice seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

New Business:

Library Update:

Sarah was not in attendance. ilene told us that the Summer Reading Program went very well. Story Hour will resume on Zoom in September. The Library has three days for appointments and curbside and three open dates. The Library is in Phase 4.5.

Future Fundraisers:

The Town is doing a Fall Festival on October 2. The Endowment Fund is not participating, nor are we. The Endowment Fund is not sure if there will be a Christmas Craft Fair. If they do decide to hold it, they may make a stipulation that it could be canceled because of Covid-19.

Other:

Eileen has been in contact with Chris Locano, Director of Finance and Facilities at Central Vermont Supervisory Union, who has been very helpful. He cleared us for using the snack building at the WMHS field for fundraising. There are no restrictions on what we sell, no fees, and electricity will be provided, and he will advertise at school. We decided to sell water, sodas, sport drinks (if available), homemade brownies and cookies, chips, candy, and pre-packaged snacks at three Saturday home soccer games this fall (our pricing to be decided). The games run from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., so we will need to be there by 10:30 to set up. The dates are September 18, October 9 and 23. If this goes well, we may expand the items we sell for the spring baseball season. Eileen suggested that, in addition to the sales, we put out a donation jar.

Karen will check some prices at Walmart. Eileen will contact some companies for food and drink products and prices. The work schedule is as follows. We will hold a planning meeting prior to the first date, and we will confirm who is baking for which dates.

September 18: Eileen and Karen

October 9: Karen and Sheila

October 23: Eileen and Sheila

Adjournment:

The next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, October 7, at 6:00 p.m., at Eileen's home. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Menard