

Friends of the Western Sullivan Public Library

January 21st 2025 Board Meeting Agenda

5:30pm at the Jeffersonville Branch

In attendance:

Penelope Gharney

Melisse Gelula

Kerri Willette

Audra Everett

Megan Yelekli

Cat Scott

Michelle Sackett

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Megan Yelekli. Penelope Gharney and Melisse Gelula appeared via Zoom,

Review Minutes from the December

Treasurer's Report

A brief treasurer's report was given by Penelope Gharney. This was shortened and summarized, as bank statements were not available at the time.

I. Old Business

Kerri Willette was re-introduced; she is a member of the FOL and began with FOL in December of 2024. Kerri brings library experience and much more to the group.

The Holiday book sale netted the Friends \$1316. The book vault in Callicoon netted \$120 for the Friends as well.

Digital payment methods are still pending.

Penelope and Megan met at the Dime bank and deposited \$7000 into a CD at 4.29% interest. This is a 5 month CD, and will be up for renewal in June or January. Penelope and Megan are signers on this account and will be handling updates. CD will be revisited when matured to investigate other options for interest rates.

New Business

We received two new donations for \$250 each. Thank you, Melisse, for spreading the word about donating to FOL through companies. Penelope is going to deposit those checks.

Narrowsburg library requested two bookshelves; that invoice will be given to Penelope to cut a check.

Memberships

We are looking to revisit membership to the FOL group. We have many members who have historically donated, and we have not collected dues in a while. Penelope suggested a membership coordinator or chair to touch base with the current members and investigate how we can make current members engaged, interested, and feel appreciated. Melisse was suggested to lead this; she is thinking on ideas and a concept and will think on chairing a committee. Melisse will have programming and membership thoughts at February's meeting. Penelope wants to make more people active on the membership list to email blast and get these members to be active.

Banners

Meg wanted to know the location of any FOL banners or signage for events. Any previous banners will need to be replaced and or purchased. Megan will pull some options of banners, table signs, etc for FOL meeting in February.

Kerri raised some questions regarding dues and finances. Membership dues have been on hold for a while. We discussed making fundraising goals or benchmarks for the year.

Melisse suggested another event like “Feel the Heat;” tether the fundraising benchmark number to needs for transparency and to push motivation.

How do we see fundraising and membership overlapping? How much of membership driving is for fundraising purposes, and is there overlap? We would be looking to make clear any donation matching, any tabling, giveaways, etc.

Are there additional grants FOL can apply for? Megan and Audra will connect on this issue, and Ciera will present on options in February (tabled to March. Kerri will present at next meeting about local grant information.

The next meeting will be held February 21st at 5pm at the Narrowsburg branch.

Megan made a motion to adjourn. Cat seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.