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### Minutes FONCPL Meeting February 10, 2024, Zoom meeting 10:00 AM

### In Attendance: **Judy Hills, President Tim Como, Treasurer Joanne Straight, Secretary Lyn Marsh, Director**

### **Karen Robbins, Invited Guest & President FOL Rourk Branch**

### Absent:

### **Kathy Lambe, Director and Newsletter Editor**

### **Lynda Reynolds, Ex Officio, State Library Liaison:**

1. Judy called the meeting to order at 10:10 am and a quorum was established.
2. Lynn moved to accept the minutes as submitted, seconded by Tim and the motion was approved.
3. Tim presented the financial report. He still has not received the answer to the problem with last year’s charitable solicitation license exemption application but will check again and work on the 2024 application. Judy reminded Tim that the rules changed this year.
4. Reports:
5. Newsletter report – Kathy was not in attendance. Judy mentioned that it would be nice if the Directors submitted articles for publication.
6. Website – Lyn is taking over the website from Judy. She is working on updates.
7. Awards and Grants – A new director will need to take over this program and the Friends of the Year awards following Donna’s resignation. There are only a few groups that nominate members for this award.

Judy offered to create a message to encourage applicants for the Seed Grant for the Friends listserv and a version that Lynda can post to the Directors listserv.

1. NCPLDA – Judy said that the FONCPL information is still not posted on the Directors association website. Trina Rushing of Henderson County is the new president. They are working to update their website.
2. Open Mic Nights – There were seven participants in both January and February. The topic for March will be ideas and plans to celebrate National Library Week in April which is April 7-13.
3. Old Business
4. Tim will follow up in April with groups that have not renewed.
5. Judy will ask Joyce if she will reach out to groups that are not members. The last time we researched active Friends groups, there were 199 in the state and only 78 were FONCPL group members.
6. The process for drawing the winner for FONCPL groups that renew their membership by February 28th was discussed. On February 29th, Tim will assign each qualifying group a number and then use a random number generator to determine the winner. Tim will notify the winner by email. Judy will write a letter to send with the check.
7. Tess worked on the FONCPL Freedom to Read Advocacy Kit which can be used in responding to and preparing for Freedom to Read challenges.

Lynda complimented the board, particularly Judy and Tess, on the creation of this new resource. She recommended distributing it as quickly as possible. She also encouraged the Board to continue to offer support for local libraries and staff.

**Judy would like to get the Freedom to Read Advocacy Kit emailed out by the end of February.**

1. Judy continues to actively ask Friends to join the FONCPL Board including today’s guest, Karen Robbins, President, FOL Rourke Branch.
2. New Business
3. Finalize the 2024 Budget

There is still $1,000 in the line item for workshops which have been virtual since 2020. There was a discussion about leaving that money in this line item to be used by local Friends groups. Joanne made a motion to provide $100 from workshop funds to Friends groups that host a meeting with a minimum of 6 invited Friends groups. Lynn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Judy suggested that the $400 budgeted for annual meetings be moved to workshop expenses and that could also be used for new smaller, group meetings. The board approved this suggestion.

Lyn moved to accept the proposed budget as amended. Joanne seconded and the motion was approved. We will be able to fund 14 regional Friends meetings.

Judy will prepare an article about this for the March newsletter.

There being no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Straight

Secretary