

North Riverside Library Foundation

Minutes of Virtual Meeting on April 21, 2020-6:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Kathleen Spale called the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present; Kathleen Spale, Koula Michalopolis Tricoci, Marge Hook, Lenora Giurini, Annette Corgiat, Stephanie Lancken, Jeanne Eichorst, and Vera Wilt.

Absent; PJ Folz, Nadia Nammari, Monica Pineda, and Natalie Starosta.

Approval of Minutes: Vera Wilt made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18th virtual meeting. Annette seconded, and by a voice vote, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Koula Tricoci; Koula reported that we have \$15,312.17 in our account. This includes a recent deposit of \$196.00, and a deposit of \$3,000.00 from the former employer of John Mathias. They 3x'd his \$1,000.00 donation to the Library. We will be sending a thank you note to John and the former employer.

Library Board: Annette Corgiat; The Board did not have a meeting. The installation of the heating and air conditioning is almost completed. The total cost is \$400,000.00. Natalie is working with the lawyers in regards to the moving of the FOL funds remaining in their account.

Natalie is working very hard in keeping the Library services available to the patrons. Mike mentioned the staff is also working hard from home.

Mike and Lizzy both gave us updates on the Library.

Mike reported that the Library has moved as many services as possible to virtual on line. Because we do not know what the future will bring, it is difficult to make some decisions. Natalie has made a reopening plan. When the Library reopens, they will need to start out slow, taking safety precautions.

The books and other returned items will need to be in quarantine for 3 days. We can have curbside pickups to check out or return books. They do not feel physical programming will happen during the summer, and possibly even in fall.

It is very important that our Library patrons know ALL we have to offer, such as Facebook, You Tube, Instagram, story time, and videos etc. We all need to help by spreading the word.

Mike also has a Tech Team Podcast every Wednesday. The Library may experience a shortfall of money if the local taxes are not paid on time. They may have to come to the Foundation for help more often.

Virtual Merchant Services: Koula said she used the device to charge the cost of her Foundation hoodie sweatshirt. She said it went through without a problem.

Foundation Merchandise: Koula said she picked up our Foundation sweatshirt order of hoodies. She wants to find out what our inventory of Foundation t shirts is. She thinks she can put them on line for sale. Lizzy will ask Natalie if one of us can go into the Library to take inventory of the shirts, number and sizes. Then she can offer them for sale on line. She hopes Lenora can make a flyer. When the Library reopens, they can be sold there too.

2020 Fundraisers: Unfortunately we had to cancel our shredding fundraiser. Maybe we can reschedule for Fall.

Annette mentioned the Club cancelled all events, and so did Mater Christi.

We offered suggestions of what some future fundraisers could be, making sure we follow social distancing rules. Some of the suggestions are:

Virtual yoga, exercises, or Zumba. They could sign up and pay on line on the Library Website. We need to be careful not to compete with the recreation events.

This is National Poetry Month. We could do something with poetry.

A family virtual activity that they would pay for, was another suggestion.

A favorite suggestion was a Virtual Talent Show. Maybe we can partner with a restaurant with delivery service. Kathleen will talk to Natalie about this fundraiser.

Vera mentioned the Riverside Township sent out an informative post card to all residents. They wanted to let people know what is available and informing them there is a food pantry available to help residents in need.

We will officially thank John Mathias and his former employer, Illinois Tool Works (ITW), for their generous donations to the Library.

Our North Riverside Library is offering many ways our residents can connect with the Library while they are unable to visit in person at this time. Please remember to help make friends and neighbors aware of what we are offering. It would be sad if they miss out because they are unaware of our activities.

Be safe...

Marge Hook Secretary.