

North Riverside Library Foundation

Virtual Meeting of November 17, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: present; Kathleen Spale, Monica Pineda, Vera Wilt, Koula Tricoci, Lenora Giurini, Annette Corgiat, Nadia Nammari, Marge Hook, John Mathias, and Natalie Starosta.

Absent; Stephanie Lanken, PJ Folz, and Jeanne Eichorst.

Approval of minutes of the October 20, 2020 virtual meeting; Vera made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 20th meeting, Lenora seconded, and by a voice vote, the motion passed.

Library Board: Natalie Starosta; On Monday, November 23, the Library will have to do curbside service only. It should go very well. Unfortunately, the lobby will not be open. They are hoping to do curbside service throughout this Covid increase, otherwise they will have to close down completely. Other libraries are in the same situation.

The wireless grant has been approved. They cannot spend the money until January 1st, but they can start working on it. The Covid Relief money from Cook County was received, and the PPE reimbursement was also received.

The Get Back to Books was received. It was more than \$4,000.00. Last year they focused on Spanish Language books. This year they focused on EBooks, regular books, and nonfiction books. They are also expecting the Fema Covid relief money.

Natalie gave us some bad news. One of the staff has Covid. He/She is doing OK. Four other staff members are quarantined. She said it is scary for all, and everyone is concerned. Curbside pickup can still take care of our patrons.

Natalie contacted Tony's Foods, to ask for shelf stable foods to be used for the cooking classes. They agreed to donate the items.

The work on the servers will finalize Wednesday. Natalie will be meeting with the contractor about the renovation of Kay's Room.

Natalie said she would like to start up the Giving Tree December 1st.

Library Board: Annette Corgiat; Annette said Natalie covered everything. She mentioned that PJ will not be running for her seat on the Board. It is a 2 Year term. Gregg will be running again, and John will also be running for his seat.

Treasurer's Report: Koula Tricoci;

Koula reported we have \$16,878.81 in our account. This includes \$1,080 in donations for Kay Subaitis memorials. Barb Sylvestri is sending out thank you notes to all who donated.

Koula mentioned the Village will be holding the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

2020 Fundraisers:

Masks: Nadia Nammari-Koula Tricoci; Nadia thanked Koula for picking up the masks. There are two types. They are black with teal printing. One has our Foundation logo, and one has Keepit NRlocal. We will sell them for \$10.00 each. Koula said the masks are very nice and comfortable.

Koula discussed getting more hoodies or crew necks. Our first order was for 25. Now we will order another 25, with the same material used on our previous order. They will be black long sleeve, with teal writing.

Book Sale: Natalie Starosta; Because the lobby in the Library is closed at this time, there will be no Book Sale until further notice.

Pet Photo Shoot: Kathleen Spale-Lenora Giurini; Kathleen took a picture of John's dogs, and inserted them in a festive background. It turned out very nice, but was time consuming. Lenora talked about another way of doing this. We could purchase three digital background files. We would then be able to use them as often as we want.

Buyers will send in a favorite photo of their pet or family. We will place the photo in the background of their choice. They look very professional. We will advertise on Facebook. The fee is \$25.00.

Vera made a motion to purchase up to 3 digital backgrounds at up to \$15.00 each. Koula seconded, and by a voice vote, the motion passed.

Holiday Photo Shoot: Kathleen Spale; The Holiday Photo Shoot will be included with the Pet Photo Shoot.

Cookie/Doughnut/Pizza Kits: We will possibly do one or more of these in 2021.

Amazon Smile: Kathleen Spale; When ordering from Amazon, go to Smile, Amazon. com, and sign in. Then choose the charity of your choice. The charity will receive 3%.

Kay Subaitis: As the renovations are being done, we need to figure out what things might be needed in the room.

Giving Tree: Natalie said maybe she can look into a Virtual Giving Tree.

Online Donation Platforms: Lenora Giurini; Lenora said the Rescue Group uses Network For Good for fundraising. She will look into it.

Adjournment: Vera made a motion to adjourn. Marge seconded, and by a voice vote the motion passed. Kathleen adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Next Virtual meeting- to be announced

Happy Thanksgiving to all **PLEASE BE SAFE**

Marge Hook, Secretary