

## **Friends of the Orangeville Public Library**

### **Minutes: Tuesday, April 4th, 2023**

**Present:** Jane L, Linda B, Sonia C, Jennifer F, Dianne L, Anita R, Elaine F, Judy P, Jane F, Kathryn C.

**Regrets:** Ann J, Del F, Laurel F, Julie D, Gillian N, Donna N

1. **Welcome:** Jane L welcomed everyone, including our newest members Anita & Jennifer.

2. **Agenda and the Minutes** from September 6th, 2022 meeting were approved.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Linda B reported a balance of \$4530.38. She noted that a service charge of \$2.50 per month is significant. Elaine mentioned that she and Gillian had previously tried to have that amount reduced as our group is a volunteer committee but with no luck. Jane L will contact local banks and credit union to see if we can find a better option. She will report her findings at our next meeting.

#### **4. Discussion:**

##### **i) Battle of the Books**

Lauren Tilly provided an update on this year's Battle plans. Based on feedback from schools, the battle dates are scheduled on Wednesdays; April 26th (Intermediate grades 7-8) & May 3<sup>rd</sup> (Junior grades 4-6) from 9 – noon. Six schools are participating in each battle. It was decided that we will donate \$350.00 to support book purchases for the loot bags. All in favour, motion carried.

**Volunteers: We NEED more help to make this event a success! 8:30 – 12:30pm**

May 26<sup>th</sup> – Jane L, Jane F, Judy P, Elaine F, (Donna N?)

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Judy P, Elaine F, (Donna N?)

Jane will send out a reminder email to FOPL members to see if others are available to volunteer for each Battle of the Books event. Updated list will be sent to Lauren T.

ii) **Our plant and book sale** is scheduled for Saturday, May 27, 2023; 8am- noon. It will be held at the train station location. Discussion followed with regard to donated books and how to manage advertising. Kathryn will address concern with two stage promotion starting with plant sale, then adding book sale closer to the date with a statement included - "book donations are not needed at the time."

**Volunteers: We NEED more help to make this event a success too!**

7:30am Set up: Jane L, Jennifer F, Kathryn C,

8am -10 am: Jane L, Elaine & Bob F, Anita R, Kathryn C.

10am - noon: Dianne L

### iii) **Other Matters:**

Jane had members sign a note of appreciation for the meeting refreshments provided by the Library Board. She also mentioned that our three local libraries will be involved in the upcoming 'International Plow Match' on September 19-23, 2023. Anita R and Jane F indicated an interest.

## **5. What's happening at OPL?**

### **Kathryn Creelman (Public Services Librarian):**

Kathryn thanked FOPL for supporting the October Open House and also for assisting with wrapping presents for 'Stories with Santa'.

She also described the Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA) which provides access to reading materials (e.g., Daisy Readers) to those with vision or physical disabilities. Kathryn also reminded us of the 'Homebound Delivery' program that continues to take place, such a valuable and appreciated resource in our community!

Here is a brief outline of upcoming OPL events:

- Earth Month event - an art-based workshop on Sat Apr 22 at 2:30pm Alder location with Climate Action Dufferin involved (35 spaces available).
- Storytelling Series celebrating Earth Month is hosting a panel discussion with Heather Peters speaking about the eco lifestyle and how to make changes. It is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- Teen Club is being replaced with After School Club to extend the age range. They will be participating in Earth games and creating seed bombs.
- Mayor Lisa Post will be a special guest for storytelling on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

\*Visit the OPL website <https://calendar.orangevillelibrary.ca/> for more details.

Kathryn also let us know that the elevator replacement and renovation work at Mill Street branch continues with a mid-2023 completion date at the moment.

**6. Next FOPL Meeting:** Tuesday, June 13, 2023 - 10:15 am @ Alder Branch

**7. Adjournment:** 11:15 am