

Friends of the Naples Library  
Meeting Minutes  
September 21, 2020

Attendees: Michele Wernsing, Linda Jones, Gail Musnicki, Ellen Fernandez, Cathy Fields, Joy Gardiner, Gail Rumsey. Guest: Judy Schewe

Call to Order: Michele Wernsing called the meeting to order at 2:00 (via zoom)

Approval of minutes: Ellen Fernandez made a motion to approve minutes, Gail Musnicki seconded. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Joy Gardiner reported that we have a balance of \$2,768.18. Judy Schewe added that we had sold three t-shirts which will be added to this total.

President's Report: Michele Wernsing opened up a discussion on the possibility of refocusing our goals to line up with the library's long range plan. The discussion was then turned over to Judy Schewe. Judy explained the need to make the library more accessible in order to be ADA compliant. The plan would include the addition of an elevator and improved lower level entrance. Discussion led to whether the Friends of Naples Library would want to make this their fundraising goal. (Possibly offsetting the construction grant plus endowment monies.) Gail Rumsey made a motion to make this our fundraising goal for the future, Gail Musnicki seconded. The motion was passed. Judy Schewe and the Library Board Building Committee will meet with engineers/architects to get rough estimates of the cost of this project. After this estimate is received, a committee consisting of Gail Musnicki, Linda Jones, Cathy Fields, and Gail Rumsey will look into soliciting contributions from individuals and possibly larger businesses.

Committee Reports: None

Old Business: Year-end appeal letter for fundraising was discussed. It was suggested that we include our goal of helping support the library to be more aligned with its Long Range Plan. Other goals for 2021 previously stated in the draft letter would be eliminated. Bessie Tyrell will be spearheading the committee to draft this letter. We must create our own list of patrons as we cannot use the list of library users.

New Business: We are making \$3000 our new contribution goal for the year-end appeal letter. Other fundraising ideas discussed were: approach Aaron Lipp about doing a benefit concert from within the library with speakers placed outside (possibly during Light Up Naples or Vintage, Vines, and Valentines), have a Komorebi Kombucha & Herb Shoppe Workshop, and possibly do a virtual race as Wood Library did.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting date: November 12, 2020

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Rumsey