

FRIENDS OF ELYRIA PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES

1/4/21 VIRTUAL MINUTES

PRESENT: Celeste Brlas, Jane Leavell, Kathy Scheider

STAFF: Lyn Crouse, Adam Matthews

SORTING

Jane reported there are 242 boxes intended for Maynard Miller, either left over from the mini pop-up sales or from sorted books (like computer or financial or political books) we don't intend to sell. About fifty Baker & Taylor boxes from West River Library remain to be sorted, believed to be entirely children's books, almost all picture books. Next Friday the Metzgers will join us in sorting. Our hope is that Maynard will accept half the books as free leftover sale books and pay five dollars a box for the half.

NEW BUSINESS

Celeste has sent 60 basic letters to current Friends members (or last renewing their memberships in 2019) containing envelopes for membership renewals. She intends to send 30 more letters directed at members last heard from in 2014. In addition, she'll send brief thank you cards to anyone who does renew their membership.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

West River Library closed for upgrading on 12/12 and Central reopened for browsers, not just pick-ups. At West River, children's shelving are being painted, new toilet partitions are being added, and carpeting in about a month behind, but it's hoped the library will reopen before March 1st. In addition, the leaking roof is being repaired in order to protect the carpeting. Finally, the new Main library is on schedule.

OLD BUSINESS

Although we got a large number of donations during the two days we accepted them, we postponed accepting anymore until April, or perhaps March. Removing the Maynard boxes and emptying the last donations from West River would provide more room. The libraries have stopped sending up books, although today Jane did empty one small Baker & Taylor box of children's picture books that appeared on the sorting table.

We need more Board members. Pat Worcester has left the Board but will remain a Friend and will be available as a volunteer. Basically our Board consists of the officers and Dave Wessely and Linda Weiss, but she has no computer and neither Jane nor Celeste has been able to reach her by phone. Celeste is hoping to hear from Scott Serazin. Since the Washington Avenue Christian Church has been very helpful to the EPLS, Lyn suggested asking Reverend Nathan for volunteers from his parishioners

Jane will send updated pages of the current Executive Board members and general Board Members to everyone for their Orientation Manual.

The next virtual meeting will take place on February 1st at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Leavell