

Ohio Deaf Friends of the Library
October 12, 2023
Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Aileen, Dawn W, Regis C, Martin T, Debbie B, Christine S, Gail T, Brad R, Lori, Chris, Angie P, Paul W, Tim McNutt.

Absent: Mailia S, Andrew K,

Visitors: Jenny J, Skip B, Lillian P, Danny L , Jimmy Prinzler

The Board meeting was called to order at 6 pm by President Dawn Watts.

The minutes meeting on August 12, 2023 was approved. PASSED.

President's report - Dawn K Watts

For Lenora Culpher's new gravestone, in under 30 days, we finally reached money, 1,200. I requested you to make a motion to pay 100.00 for it. Then it will be completed payment. I send a receipt to Gail T, ODFL Treasurer.

Reminder to the officers for the new election officers on Dec. 14th.

Vice President: Kim Savage. (Absent, no report)

Secretary: Christine S

Donated Lenora Culpher, Honored Jack Hawk. I am interested in being reelected as ODFL Secretary. Attended the OAO meeting on Thursday, Sept 28th.

Treasurer: Gail T.

Ohio Deaf Friends of the Library is officially approved by Huntington Bank on July 17, 2023

President requested the treasurer to add "Donation" for the next time because we will know how many people donated. Also, add people's names who have 5 cards.

Remind them to pay you as soon as possible.

Debbie Brown (Tim M), made a motion for a Treasurer's 3rd Quarter report. PASSED.

ODFL Regional Reps Report:

Chris Cooley: (his electricity went down) The President said that he is interested in having more interviews with the OSU in the future. We had an interview with the OSU about our organization, ODFL.

Angie Potosky :I was interviewed by Willoughby Public Library, Cara S. She's working for this library and a KSU student majoring in Library. She asked me several questions about this wonderful organization she's very interested. She would like to know why this organization is important to me and to all especially deaf children. I explain that the purpose of this organization is to educate people about Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind awareness. Also, it's important to deaf children especially young to learn to read books. Cara and I will develop awareness at her library soon.

For the organization's website, need to re-check spelling and punctual.

Deaf Mentor Coordinators: Danny L and Marsha Moore

Danny L, Dawn Watts and Dr Marsha Moore met recently to discuss strategies for establishing the Deaf Mentor Program with ODFL. Agreed to revisit this topic in six to nine months.

Chairperson Nominee for New Election ODFL Officers: Maila Schneck

President said that you can contact her if you are interested in running ODFL Officers and Regional Reps.

Websites: Martin, Andrew, and Malia S.

Try to improve for Ohio Deaf History Month by deaf students from Ohio School for the Deaf, to write a summary of deaf leaders who worked successfully in Ohio. President will follow up with Ohio School for the Deaf, in addition to the students' art drawing contest, too.

The Deaf Reader Newsletter: Dawn Watts and Juanita Hall

Deb O is interested in working with us, again. Megan A is busy with her jobs and family, so she had to step down. Juanita and I worked well together.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Tim McNutt (Angie P) made a motion to withdraw 100.00 from the bank to Lenora Culpher's new gravestone (Go Fund Me). PASSED

Closed new business

OPEN Discussion:

Danny L wanted to discuss the Deaf Mentor Program and open discussion with the group. Described Deaf Mentor means Deaf Role Model (DRM) or Deaf Mentor. Deaf parents already have experience with Deaf Cultures to raise hearing/deaf children. Otherwise, some hearing parents do not know about Deaf cultures to raise children. Open broad education, research, exposure to the Deaf, and resources to find education for the children. Deaf Mentor Curriculum book folder. We discussed that we need to develop Deaf Mentor soon.

Adjournment at 7:51 pm

Warmly Yours,

Christine Stephen

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ODFL Secretary

