

Friends of the Library Board Meeting

August 26,2024

Library Large Meeting Room

Members present: Harvey Foyle, President; Jan Ralston, Treasurer; Dee Schwinn, Secretary, Ruth Gutierrez, Book Sorter Chair; Vicki Brooks, Membership chair; Heather Caswell, Library Board Rep; Pauline Stacchini, Library director; Cindy Durbin, Becky Sellers, Ron Sellers, Ellen Klotz, Guest

Members absent: Jessica Hopkins

Harvey called the meeting to order at 5:00.

Becky moved and Vicki seconded that we approve the agenda. The motion passed.

After corrections were made to the minutes of the July 22 meeting, Vicki moved and Jan seconded that we approve the corrected minutes. The motion passed. Dee will send Pauline a corrected copy and she will place one in the notebook in the Friends building.

Jan gave the Treasurer's report and included the First Friday sale on August 2 at \$1,056.55 (Well worth the \$35.00 fee) and the Flash Day sale on August 3 at \$1,473.84. Becky moved and Ruth seconded that we approve the Treasurer's report; the motion passed.

Heather Casswell gave the report from the Library Board meeting. The updated policies including the service animal policy and the unattended child policy. There is a new one on one tutor on the web site and the web site is being updated . There is a grant that will help with a program to expedite event planning and the calendars.

Pauline reported that (drum roll) they will be breaking ground on the area for the book lockers. Patrons have asked about gift cards to the book sale? Altrusa was wanting to purchase books not during the sale for a project they are sponsoring. This will be discussed in new business. We might want to consider an umbrella for the Friends table for the Kids Konzerts. She also shared a form she had to give free books to members.

Vicki reported that we have 77 life members and 128 regular members. We are down 15 numbers

Ruth reported that 109 hours were volunteered in July. Twin Valley came on September 13 and picked up recycled books. She thanked Ron and Becky Sellers, Ellen Klotz, Kathleen Dalton, Marge Nash, Dee Schwinn, Harvey Foyle, Nancy Croucher and Ruth Gutierrez for their help. We have lots of books which we are storing in rooms. The library is going to stop sending us discards for a while and keeping them in the library. Jan and Kathleen have decorated the children's room and have plans for Halloween decorations. Ellen is organizing a book collection on the Civil War. We are trying to find out how to price them and how to get the word out that we have them.

Dee thanked those who worked the sales on August 2 and 3 She said that Chad the Bread Man was good to have at the First Friday. The next sale starts Oct. 18 and will go through the 23.

#### Unfinished Business:

Harvey shared this information about the Match Day proceedings.

Video: July 31, 2024, 10:30am ECF Room

ECF Website: August 05, 2024

Video Background photos/video: September 01, 2024, to Matt Fowler

Talk of Emporia KVOE: September 06, 2024, about 11:00 am

Dues changes...Harvey shared that we can change dollar amounts any time, but the categories can be changed only at the annual meeting. After much discussion, new prices will go into effect at the October book sale for those who join or renew at that time. We will go ahead and have Vicki order the envelopes and we if we have to cross out something we will. It will have the new dues of \$25 for individual, \$50 for family, \_\_\_\_ for donation and \$100 for lifetime for persons 65 or older. Vicki will make a sign to that effect for the book sale. The annual letter will include that information as well and the envelopes will be mailed out after the annual meeting approves the changes in categories.

#### New Business:

We discussed the passing of our Vice President, Gene Graber.. That office will be open until the annual meeting when we have elections. We wanted some way to honor Gene. One way will be to get a photo of him to display in the building and to indicate that he made the frame that has the poster of the sign we helped purchase. Those wanting to honor Gene with a memorial, those can be made out to the Friends of the Zoo or the Friends of the Library. You can either take the memorial to the celebration of life or you can mail them to his house at 3636 W. 20th. His daughter's name is Jennifer. The celebration of life will be on September 7, a Saturday at Town Royal at 405 Commercial.

Jan moved that private sales of books will be allowed on a case by case by case decision. Becky seconded the motion; Beckey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Becky moved and Vicki seconded that we allow Altrusa to come to purchase books for a project they are doing. The motion passed. They will be contacted.

We discussed that the free item given away to Friends and new members will be at a \$5.00 limit.

There is a box we used to use for donated books. By consensus we said we do not want the box.

The following information was included on the Agenda.

#### Dates to Remember

##### 1. FOL Building/Book Sorters:

Tuesdays: 9:00 a.m.—Noon

Wednesdays 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Thursdays 9:00–11:30 a.m. & 1:00–3:00 p.m.

2. EPL Board Meeting: Thursday, September 12, 2024, 4:15 pm

3. Fall Book Sale: Friday October 18 – Wednesday October 23, 2024

4. Match Day: November 18, 2024

#### Match Day Funds 2019 - Date

Match Day funds have been used for many good causes.

2019 - In the past the Friends helped fund the purchase of the outreach van that is seen around the city.

2020 - The Friends helped fund a digital sign in front of the library for allowing the public to see upcoming events at the library.

2021 - We fully funded a 'Charlie Cart' which is a food cart to help promote learning related to food preparation and cooking.

2022 - Library patrons can use the Peter Pan Park book lockers for receiving and returning books without physically visiting the library.

2023 - The Friends helped fund a shade awning for the library van.

2024 - Refreshing the Children's Area with child appropriate shelving & chairs.

This assistance and support would allow the library to purchase child friendly appropriately sized shelving in the Picture Book area and to obtain children's chairs appropriate to the children's physical sizes. These chairs could be in the design of a rocket, train, or other child friendly imaginative seating. In 2023 there were 523 children's programs with an attendance of 12,465 children.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Schwinn, Secretary.