

Friends of the Library February 22, 2023

Present: Kathy Peterson, Shannon Moon, Jen Albright, Perry Stokes, Kirsten Badger, Sigrid Johnson & Sharon Freeman

The meeting was called to order at 3pm. The minutes were read and approved.

Director's Report

*Personnel changes

Gary Dielman retired from the library board and was replaced by Ashley McClay. She will finish Gary's term and then run for the board position in May.

Jim White's retirement party was held today. He worked over 20 years for the library as the IT person.

Kate Minnigaliava was hired as the new library tech person.

*Wifi hot spots have taken off since school started.

*The solar charger is in great demand to the point it will be upgraded to accommodate the need.

*The ambulance was called twice for a person triggered by chemical sensitivities so posters have been put up requesting the library become fragrance free.

*participation in Strategic Energy Management has earned the library \$5000 for the following initiatives:

Window tinting

More insulation around pipes

LED lights

Change of boiler to a series of boilers.

Ed was recognized for his peer help.

*Staff has been working on keeping passwords safe. They are using 1Password - a program that stores your passwords.

*working on website replacement. New rules that the website must be compatible for people with disabilities. If we are not in compliance we can be sued.

Jen asked what the Friends can pay for to help the library. Perry requested rollable tables made by Oregon Correctional Enterprises. He would like 8-10 tables at \$800 each. Sharon moved we buy the tables. Kathy seconded it. The vote was unanimous. We will also provide \$5000 for new carpet in the children's library. Sigrid moved we provide \$5000 for carpet. Jen seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

Shannon gave the treasurer's report. As of February 22, 2023 we have \$24,884.96. This does not include the money we made during the winter book sale.

Book Shop & Donations Report

Kathy reported that the library has received quite a few boxes of books since our last meeting. One gentleman donated 25 boxes. Many patrons have donated five or more boxes. The trailtenders dissolved so they donated their supply of new books which are mainly on Oregon history.

Old Business

*Checks for the Library Foundation - Shannon addressed the issue that the Foundation has their money invested with Edward Jones and no longer has a checking account. They have to write two checks a year. One to the Department of Justice and one to the Secretary of State. They have asked if the Friends of the Library could write those checks and be reimbursed by them. We agreed Shannon could do that. The Foundation also receives donations in cash for the Tower of Books artwork that Tom Novak made. Shannon accepts the cash donations from that and gives a check to the Foundation. She will notify the treasurer of the Foundation that Friends will write the checks and accept the cash.

*Winter Book Sale - We made around \$2000. Publicity-posters, wowberry and facebook were covered by Perry. Sigrid placed the posters around town. Sharon reviewed the placement of our newspaper ads. We have accumulated a number of volunteers to help with the book sale. The book sale sheet posted on the sheets app has made it much easier to keep track of volunteers. Having the bag sale on Saturday was much better than having it on Sunday. Our next sale will start on July 14th. Set up will be July 13th.

New Business

Branch visit. Our visit this year will be in Huntington. It will be an all day visit hopefully at the end of April or first of May.

Library Director Address

Perry gave us a brief introduction to Book Chat powered by Novelist. It is a program to help patrons with book recommendations. We will get further information at our next meeting.

Our next meeting will be May 16th at 3pm. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Freeman

