

Friends of the Library
May 16, 2023

Present: Jen Albright, Perry Stokes, Karen Kimbler, Sharon Freeman, Karyllane Brown, Shannon Moon, Andrea Cox, Sigrid Johnson and Kathy Peterson

The meeting was called to order at 3:00. The minutes were read and corrected. Correction is as follows: We just pay the two checks for the library foundation and are not reimbursed.

Library Director's Report

1. Tables - the order has not been put in as we are looking at chairs as well.
2. Carpet- Missy got a quote from Carpet One but Carpet One does not have suitable colors. Perry is working with an architect to find a vendor.

Board

Elections -the two people on the ballot are already on the board. Perry shared more info about them. They both have a commitment to Freedom to Read.

Budget - meeting is 5/24/23. The district is in a good financial position. Budget priorities include keeping salaries up with inflation, continuing WiFi hotspots loan program, public computer update, strong youth programs, repair projects and paying off the Resort St. project debt.

Facilities

Repairs - They are still working on the roof repairs. Ed is hoping that extending the flashing may solve the problem.

The tech team is looking at upgrading the phone system by eliminating landlines

Personnel

The Staff had a wellness challenge last month.

Programs & Services

The library will be offering the Hoopla Subscription services in June 2023. It is a digital catalog of popular on demand streaming services for books, movies, music, etc.

OBOB -This year was the first time we had 2 teams participate. Unfortunately both teams were eliminated in the preliminary round. A Go Fund Me page generated about \$2400 for the kids' expenses. The thank you notes the students sent were shared.

The Summer Reading Program- Many fun activities are planned.

Free Comic Book Day - about 100 people participated. The comics were donated to the library by the vendor. All comics were gone by the end of the day.. Next year we need to get our branches involved.

Traffic Report - the door traffic is monitored at the entrances and exits to provide a daily count of participants. Our busiest week of the year is Miner's Jubilee. Last year we averaged 3,252 patrons during that week.

Volunteer Appreciation Event - The volunteers will be honored with a special function on May 17th from 10-11:30

Technology- Our current website is based on old technology, which is not accessible to people with disabilities. The library plans to launch the Streamline website this week, which will solve that problem.

Treasurer's Report Shannon gave the treasurer's report. As of May 16, 2023 we have \$28,126.59 in our account.

Book Shop- Donations report. We have been given very few donations so far this year but we will be receiving 10 boxes tomorrow.

Old Business

We donated a basket of books to the Haines Chili Feed and received a thank you note.

The OBOB sponsorship was reimbursed by a Go Fund Me page. We received thank yous from the participants.

National Library Workers Day April 26th- The Friends contributed food and flowers for the staff to enjoy.

New Business

Library volunteer reception- the volunteers will be honored tomorrow from 10-11:30.

Branch Visit - this year we will visit Huntington on May 30th. We will meet at the library at 11:30.

Farmer's Market - we would like to have an information table at one of the Farmer's Markets from 4-8pm. We will find which month and day suits us the best. Jen will make the arrangements.

Summer Book Sale - We will have the Summer book sale from July 14-22nd. Set up will be July 13th. Planning for the sale is June 21st.

Library Director's Address

Perry showed us how we can access the Novelist Chat Service. It serves as a resource for helping patrons select books.

The next meeting will be Tues. August 9th at 3:00pm. The meeting was adjourned at 4:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Freeman

Secretary