

Friends of the Library

August 8, 2023

Present: Karen Kimbler, Shannon Moon, Kathy Peterson, Michele Cantrell, Karylanne Brown, Jen Albright, Sharon Freeman & Perry Stokes

The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm. The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Shannon gave our treasurer's report. As of August 8th we have \$31,194.49.

Library Director's Report:

1. The tables are on order and should arrive sometime in September. The ABC Music & me program is excited that we will be getting lighter tables as they have to move them for their class.
2. Chairs - At the next staff meeting they will determine the types and quantity of chairs needed.
3. The summer reading program has over 400 participants this year. The largest number so far.
4. There are still some roof leak issues but they should be resolved soon.

Summer Book Sale Report:

The sale made over \$3000.00 Thank you's were given to all those who helped with publicity, setting up, selling and cleaning up the sale.

Publicity: Posters and social media were handled by Perry. The newspaper put information in the Go Magazine, Quick Takes & the article on Miner's Jubilee. The new publicity person for the Herald is Christopher Hobson. Jen worked with him to get info in the Local Briefing and to place an ad. We did not place information on the radio.

Volunteers: The online sign up sheet simplified getting volunteers to sign up. We were short volunteers for week day neatness and pack up day. The OBOB students came in and lent a hand scanning books. Our worst sale day was our \$5 bag day so Jen asked if anyone had any suggestions on things we could do to improve the sales. Perry suggested on the last day all books would be 25 cents rather than a bag for \$5. The suggestion was well received.

Old Business:

Library Volunteer Program

Sharon gave a report on the program. She enjoyed the beautiful bouquets we were welcome to take and the delicious desserts. She felt the highlight was having everyone

go around and introduce themselves and tell what they did for the library. It was impressive how many people volunteer and help in so many different ways.

Branch Visit

Kathy shared information about our visit to the Huntington Library. There were six of us in attendance. It is a small facility but has a great collection of books & computer availability for adults and youths. It is located in the public park so has inviting surroundings. Currently the library is working on improving their internet connections.

New Business:

Farmer's Market

Jen filled out an application to participate the third week in August. It has yet to be confirmed. She passed around a volunteer sign up sheet to help with the event. The intent is to publicize all the services that the library provides the community. We discussed some ways we can promote The Friends and recruit volunteers.

Pins & Stickers

Jen shared a promotional she received where we could make pins, stickers, etc. to advertise the library. We decided we were not interested.

Library Director's Address:

Perry shared an article he submitted to Oregon Business Magazine. The title was *The Business Case for Protecting Youth Access to Diverse Literature*. His final sentence summed up the article nicely. He stated that "by protecting the sovereign right to read, together we can shape a more inclusive and prosperous future."

Date of our next meeting

November 28th at 3:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Sharon Freeman

Secretary