

Welcome: President Marie Anderson called the meeting to order and welcomed all attending. Attending: Tony Gies, Floss Kettering, Mary Mendel, Arlene Mari, Donna Philip, Mary Friese, MaryJo Hamling, Jean Collins, Marie Anderson, Dani Buehler, and Cathy Moser.

Disposition of Minutes: Copies were distributed. Corrections: for those attending it should read Mary Mendel instead of Mary Messina. And Mary Mendel made the comment about the stucco on the outside of the building, later in the minutes. Regarding the bathroom remodel it should be Vince and Dale instead of Vern.

Motion to accept minutes as corrected was made by Arlene Mari (2nd by Tony Gies) and carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Tony reported balance is \$14,289.01. There are 2 outstanding bills: \$1,769 for bathroom remodel and one for \$1,412.80 for the plumbing portion of bathroom remodel.

Arlene moved the friends will have the upstairs bathroom repainted with color close to what is in the upstairs meeting room, and a new mirror installed. Amendment: (moved by Mary M. 2nd by Jean Collins) to have Dani arrange for this in mid-July. Motion carried.

The Library Board has been meeting regarding the search for the new director of the library. Marie asked if the friends would consider paying for notebooks for materials for this. Arlene moved (2nd by Floss) to pay for the notebooks for the materials for the director Search. Motion carried.

New and continuing business:

1. **Workers for July 7th book sale:** Tony and Louise Gies will work the early shift. Donna will send an email out to Friends members for other workers.
2. Thanks to Donna for flowers at Book Station-- she planted them and waters them. They look very nice.
3. Upstairs Bathroom remodel: completed. The workers coordinated well to do this in a short time span so as not to inconvenience users of the library.
4. Landscaping at the Library: MaryJo and Sandy Birkland agreed at the May meeting to be on a committee for this. Presently looking into possible ideas for low-maintenance plants. Marie has contacted Leah Grunske from the Art Center who might have ideas. Also will confer with Jeremy Bristol who landscaped the Book Station lot and who maintains that. Along with this, the flower garden along the library (on the 7th Avenue South side) needs attention. Possibly this Fall or early in the Spring this can be accomplished. Tony reported about the gravel rocks from the Book Station lot washed down the street. Motion by Mary (2nd by Jean C.) to hire Jeremy Bristol to work on this.
5. Outdoor deck outside upstairs meeting room: For now this seems OK. Group felt they would hesitate to have it power washed because of the new stucco. Tony pointed out that at the bottom of the walls where they meet the bricks of the flooring, it does not seem to be sealed or completely done.
6. **Appreciation Party:** Group discussed having an appreciation party and chose Wed. August 1st. It will be in the upstairs meeting room and possibly also outside on the deck. It was felt that we should honor KellyAnne, former director, and others as well – Dani and other library staff and faithful volunteers from the friends of the library, including Jim Hanson, Jim Hamling, Donna Philip, and Lyle Gorman.

06:00pm

7. Other:

A. Lyle Gorman has cleaned and sold books on E bay for the friends. Tony reported on the latest check: \$1,706.85. This comes from books donated by Virgil O'Neill. These were airplane books. There are still 60 listed on E bay. We will check with Lyle about expectations from Virgil O'Neill about being recognized for the donation. It was discussed to have a plaque acknowledging generous donors to the library and placing it in the upstairs meeting room.

B. Question about the Mural Adam Grensten began on the 7th Avenue South side of the Book Station last Summer. It is not yet finished. Marie will contact him.

8. Library Director Report:

Dani reported the Summer Reading program is going well. There are 85 adults and 204 kids participating. Programs have been very well attended. The concert by Stick and String had 80 people and the Humanities program on Dance had 15. Songwriters in the Round had 50.

She said there are usually 20-30 older kids who come to the weekly programs and around 30 for the little kids story times (age 0-6).

The big finale concert will be Saturday, July 14th at 1pm. Jack and Kitty, from Minneapolis will be presenting. The staff hopes to have this outside and might be able to block off 7th Avenue South between the Book Station and library for this. Possibly there will be food trucks here for this also.

The remodel of the upstairs bathroom went very well and in a short period of time -finished in a week.

She asked if the Friends felt the book drop off location at the Book Station is working.

Presently, the staff escort donors over to the Book Station to leave the books there. This

reduces the issue of lots of books in the way in the inner entrance to the library. The staff is also encouraging people to bring donated books on Thursday mornings while the book sorters are over at the Book Station. Mary Friese suggested having a nicely made sign downstairs in the library reminding people that donations of books are appreciated.

A discussion was held about possible improvements that could be made in the entrance to the library.

Currently, if several people are lined up waiting to check out books, there is congestion for anyone entering the library. Maybe moving the checkout desk and changing this area would improve the situation of traffic flow.

Also, the staff would like the library to have a professional appearance as patrons enter. One suggestion was to have a closet with doors so the donated books would not be out in the open.

If changes were made possible improvements could include: a community meeting space or an artists nook featuring local art. Possibly even a place to have coffee or water could be included. One idea would be to have a display related to city and county government resources available and readily accessed by patrons.

Dani reported they have a seasonal hire. Joanne Berry, who is a teacher in Moore Public Schools, is working at the library for the summer and this is working very well. She works primarily with the youth area.

9. Library Budget: The presentation of the library's annual report will be on Monday, July 16th at 6pm during the City Commission's committee of the whole at the Council on Aging Building. The library budget to be appropriated will be presented during the Commission meeting at 7pm that night. All were encouraged to attend this in support of the library.

10. Hiring of new director for the library: Marie said the Library board and library staff have been meeting and are close to completing the job description and getting a clear picture of what they are looking for and will be ready to post the opening soon. Mary F. also stated they are willing to take in all ideas and suggestions from everyone involved with the library.

Marie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted: MaryJo Hamling, acting in secretary capacity