

Friends of the Library Meeting
August 29, 2018

Welcome: Vice President, Arlene Mari, called the meeting to order at noon on Wednesday August 29, and welcomed those attending: Mary Mendel, Tony Gies, Jean Collins, Sandy Birkland, Mary Frieze Donna Philip and Interim Director, Dani Buehler. Agendas for the meeting and the minutes of the July meeting were distributed.

Disposition of Minutes: After corrections to the spelling of Lohrer and Frieze, Jean moved, seconded by Tony, to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Tony reported that there is \$9,167.51 in the checking account.

Chokecherry Festival Sale: Marie took information about the sale to the News-Argus and KXLO. KXLO agreed to provide advertising for the same charge as the News-Argus. She doesn't have a bill yet, so we don't know how much that will be. The names of Mary Jo and Jim Hamling or Lyle Gorman were brought up as good possibilities to do the radio interview.

Tony and Louise will be working the first shift. Sandy will work the second shift, and Donna will send an email asking for another volunteer. Lyle and Evelyn Gorman will sell the Montana Room Books at tables set up in front of the Book Station.

Adam Grensten – Status of mural at Book Station: Marie spoke with Adam about his plans to fix the mural. He said he was not going to be able to fix it, which is disappointing. Mary said she and Clint would work on it. Adam's name will be taken off of the mural, and there was a suggestion to include something to the effect of "Friends of the Library welcomes you to Lewistown".

Library Director: Mary Frieze ran the ad for a new Library Director in the News-Argus. The cost to run the ad for two weeks, which Mary paid for, was \$298. Sandy moved, seconded by Jean to reimburse Mary \$298. Motion carried.

Director's Report: There are two events coming up in October: The Montana Repertory Theater will be presenting "Morgan and Merlin on Sunday October 7, at a cost of \$350. Russell Rowland, author of 56 Counties, will be doing a reading at 4:00 on October 13, at a cost of \$200. Dryn Durley will provide lodging for Russell, and Dani requested that FOL pay for both of these events. Mary Mendel moved, seconded by Sandy to pay these bills. Motion carried.

Dani reported that the preliminary budget was approved at \$222,000, which is a 7.3 percent increase over the previous year but \$20,000 short of what will be required to run the Library for the coming year.

She showed us a preview of the new postcards to be sent to members in place of the bimonthly newsletter. The cost of printing the cards is \$45 per 100 for color and \$22.50 for black and white. Postage for the postcards is \$.37. After members suggested a couple of changes, we decided to order 150 cards with color at this time. The Library staff will email instructions to Ballyhoo, FOL will pick them up and mail them. Donna will send an email out explaining that these postcards will be sent in lieu of the newsletter.

Regarding the search for a trash receptacle for the front of the Library, HCR is in process of designing a metal exterior to cover a 32-gallon plastic trash can. A possible design will have Lewistown Public Library and a book. The exterior will be bolted to the ground.

Dani is shopping for a mirror for the upstairs bathroom and is trying to find a paint color for the bathroom to match that of the reading room.

Library Board Meeting: Donna reported that Mary Baumstark had suggested the Library create a fundraising committee to include the Friends for their input. A committee has not been formed yet.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Birkland
Secretary