

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING
October 31, 2018

Welcome: President, Marie Anderson, called the meeting to order at noon on Wednesday, October 31, and welcomed those attending: Donna Philip, Arlene Mari, Jean Collins, Dani Buehler, Tony Gies, Blanche Chapman, Floss Kettering, Mary Friese, Kathy Moser, and Sandy Birkland.

Disposition of Minutes: Thanks to Arlene for taking minutes at the September meeting. Jean Collins moved, seconded by Mary Friese, to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tony Gies reported \$9,700.25 in the checking account, and that the October Book Sale brought in \$603.

November Book Sale: Tony and Mary F will work the early shift, and Dryn Durley and Sandy will work the late shift at the November book sale on November 5. Marie reminded everyone of the workday on Thursday.

Reorganization of the Book Station: Donna reported on the major reorganization of the Book Station. The general nonfiction has been moved, history is a separate section, biographies are also separate and are alphabetized by the person written about. Cookbooks are sorted by type of food. Everything is labeled. Thanks, to everyone who helped Donna. Tony asked if there were any supplies needed at the Book Station. Donna will get a list to him.

Christmas Sale: It was the consensus of those present to schedule the 3rd Annual Santa's Seconds Sale on the first Saturday in December, which is December 1st. The sale will be advertised by email, in the newspaper and on the radio, and Dani will include the date on the next postcard, which Donna volunteered to mail. We will use one of the two Book Station signs on sale day to alert potential shoppers to check out the items available. Donna and Marie will go to the radio station to talk about the sale.

December Meeting: It was decided to cancel the December meeting, but to continue holding meetings monthly. The Chili Bowl committee will meet to discuss plans for the event which is scheduled to be held at Jack's Hangar on Friday, January 18. Mary Friese suggested we remind participants that it is ok to bring their own wine. After some discussion about the "Buy A Round", it was suggested that not be included in this year's Chili Bowl.

Thank you from Marcia Gans: A nice thankyou note from Marcia was included in the Agenda for us to read.

Director's Report:

Dani expressed her appreciation and that of the Library staff for the continued support they receive from the Friends of the Library. She said they are moving forward on the search of a Youth Services Librarian, and requested assistance with the cost of advertising. Advertising with the Billings Gazette and

Great Falls Tribune will be \$500.00 in addition to the advertising cost for the News Argus. Arlene moved, seconded by Jean to pay for those two newspapers and the News Argus. Motion carried.

She reported that HCR is working on the garbage receptacle, and that they will donate it to the Library. Kudos to HCR. From her description, we are all looking forward to seeing the end result.

As a follow-up to the discussion at the September meeting relative to installing a surveillance system, Dani reported eight to ten cameras will be required at a cost of between \$250 and \$500. Blanche moved, seconded by Floss to support the purchase of a security system. Motion carried.

She is still searching for bookshelves for the Youth Area. Mary F suggested that she contact the Montana Prison about building them. She has heard they do good work, and it is reasonably priced. She also suggested having the shelves in place before the January classes start. Dani thought that was a good idea, and said she would speed up her search.

Book Club: Blanche mentioned that she has a list of "Great American Reads," and wondered if folks would be interested in reading some of the books and meet to discuss them. Several of those in attendance expressed an interest.

There being no further business to be brought before the members, Marie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Birkland
Secretary