

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING
NOVEMBER 28, 2018**

Welcome: President, Marie Anderson, called the meeting to order at noon on Wednesday, November 28, 2018, and welcomed those attending: Arlene Mari, Mary Frieze, Tony Gies, Mary Jo Hamiling, Mary Mendel, Donna Philip, Cathy Moser, Floss Kettering, Dryn Durley, and Sandy Birkland.

Disposition of Minutes: After taking a minute to review the minutes from the October meeting, Tony moved, seconded by Marie to approve the minutes as read.

Treasurer's Report: Tony reported the current balance of the checking account is \$10,264.52, with one outstanding bill of about \$68.00.

New and Continuing Business:

October Booksale and Santa's Seconds Sale: Tony and Louise will work the early shift at the Book Station, with Dryn Durley and Pat Griedd working the late shift. Mary, Sandy, Arlene and Donna will work the Santa's Seconds sale, but shift order has not been decided at this time.

Since donations so far are under what they have been in the past, there was a question as to if they were sufficient to warrant having the sale. As donations are continuing to come in, the group decided in the affirmative. Thanks to Donna and Marie for promoting the sale on the radio. After a short discussion all agreed to bring a batch of cookies, plated or bagged with a dozen per plate to be sold for \$1.00 per dozen. It was decided to put a sign at the base of the steps leading to the upstairs reading room pointing out the sale. Dani said she would unlock the door a little before 9:00.

Gift Cards for the Library staff: After a short discussion, Sandy moved, seconded by Donna to purchase \$20 gift cards from the Six 18 Coffee for the staff.

Chili Bowl: There followed a lengthy discussion on the upcoming Chili Bowl scheduled for January 18, 2019, at 5:30 pm. The Chili Bowl Committee of Sandy, Mary, Arlene and Marie had met on Tuesday November 27, to review notes from the 2018 Chili Bowl. Following is a list of those who have volunteered to work: Cooks – Arlene and Dave Mari, Sandy Birkland, Mary Frieze, Marie and Tom Anderson. Servers – Clint Loomis, Mary Frieze, Laurie Lohrer, Donna Philip, Kathy Moser. Muffin makers – Mary Mendel, Floss Kettering, Marie Anderson, Carole Wicks. Answers – Dave and Arlene Mare, Mary Baumstark, Nancy Watts, Nancy Sackett, Misty Aldrich, and Kari Albertson-Denison. Clean-up – Clint, Mary, Sandy, Noel, Donna, Neil, Tom. Roaster ovens – Donna, Marie, Blanche, Sandy, Library's (at Blanche's).

Future needs of the Library: Dani reported that they are creating a local history space and sometime in the near future there will be a need for new furniture, a staff computer, and chairs. Another future expense will be that of a new sofa for the youth area, as well as some hard-plastic chairs.

Newsletter and membership drive: In lieu of a newsletter, Marie will write a “Dear Friends” letter outlining what the Friends have accomplished during the past year, and describe upcoming projects. The letter will be included with membership renewal information.

Director’s Report:

Dani expounded upon the reorganizing of the library and the local history space. She reported that they are still working on finding a youth librarian, and to date, though this position has been open for three weeks, they have not received even one application. The position will remain open until filled, but applications received before December 20, will receive extra consideration.

Dani and the Board have been working on budgets. The staff appreciated the long holiday over Thanksgiving.

Dani has been in considering Keith McCafferty, a Montana author, for the Authors Dinner scheduled for May 15, 2019. Keith is interested in speaking, and they will be conversing more in the near future.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Birkland
Secretary

As an afterthought, Dani approached Board members, Marie, Tony and Arlene wondering if the FOL would consider providing a dinner out for the Staff, rather than the gift card to the Six 18 Coffee Shop. It was agreed to pay up to \$40 for a staff dinner for the five employees.