

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING**  
**January 30, 2019**

**Welcome:** President, Marie Anderson, called the meeting to order at noon on Wednesday, January 30, and welcomed those attending: Arlene Mari, Mary Frieze, Tony Gies, Mary Mendel, Donna Philip, Cathy Moser, Floss Kettering, Blanche Chapman, Dani Buehler and Sandy Birkland.

**Disposition of Minutes:** After a review of the minutes from the November meeting, it was brought up that Dryn Durley had only stopped in for a minute and had not actually attended the meeting. Blanche moved, seconded by Tony to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tony reported the current balance of the checking account is \$11,598.60. In 2018 Friends of the Library had given \$15,000 to the Library. Mary Frieze reported that we should check on the \$300 we paid for advertising to locate potential candidates for the Youth Librarian position. She understood it was a scam. Arlene moved to give the COA \$50 as a thank you for the use of the kitchen to prepare the chili for the Chili Bowl. Floss seconded the motion, which carried.

**New and Continuing Business:**

The January book sale brought in \$1201.27. Tony and Louise will work the early shift and Dryn and Marie will work the second shift for the February 2<sup>nd</sup> book sale.

Marie reminded us of the upcoming work day on Thursday January 31. There will be lots of books to shelve.

According to Dani, the Chili Bowl was again a big success. It brought in \$3,493. The Committee reported that we will not be using the COA's trays next year, but will use large, stout paper plates. The amount of chili and condiments was adequate. There was extra cheese which was donated to the COA. Arlene has great notes as a guide for next year's event.

Membership renewal and Donna's membership list:

Donna reported that her computer had crashed and she had lost the membership list. There followed a lengthy discussion on how to reconstruct the list. Dani said she had a disc with the membership as of 2015 and got it for Donna. Since we are running low on envelopes, Tony moved, with a second from Kathy to purchase more envelopes from Ballyhoo. The motion carried. Mary, Arlene, Sandy, Donna and Marie volunteered to get together to look up addresses. They will meet at Donna's and address envelopes.

It was the consensus of the group that the postcards are effective, and we should continue sending them. Reminders of events should also be announced on Facebook.

Marie suggested purchasing some inexpensive cabinets for the Book Station. Toni will get together with Jim Hanson regarding a cupboard.

Director's Report:

Dani announced the Authors Dinner will take place on May 15. An outdoorsman, Keith McCafferty, is the 2019 author. He writes books on camping and survival. He also writes mysteries about fly fishing and murder. Dani asked if the Friends would again sponsor the \$1000 fee for the author. Sandy moved, seconded by Donna to sponsor. Motion carried. Information on the dinner will be included in the membership mailing, advertised in the newspaper, and Marie and Blanche will go on the radio.

She also informed us a Youth Librarian had been hired. Her name is Brittany Uecker and she will be moving here from Missoula.

She outlined her plans for improving the area in front of the windows on 7<sup>th</sup> street, and explained a future expenditure would be for new furniture. After some discussion, Mary M moved, seconded by Donna to have Dani pick out furniture and the Friends will pay for it. Dani will present her proposal before purchasing the furniture. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Birkland, Secretary