**Friends of the Library Minutes**

**August 28, 2019**

**Welcome:** Vice President, Arlene Mari, called the meeting to order at 12:00 on Wednesday, August 28, 2019, and welcomed those attending: Mary Mendel, Floss Kettering, Donna Philip and Sandy Birkland.

Agendas for the meeting and the minutes of the July meeting were distributed for review. There were no corrections to the minutes.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Since Treasurer, Tony Gies, was not in attendance, he reported by phone that the bank balance was approximately $300 less than the previous month’s balance. There was no mention of the proceeds from the August book sale.

**New and continuing business:**

Arlene reminded us of book sorting on Thursday, to get ready for the Chokecherry Book Sale.

Sandy, Tony and Louise will be working the early shift of the Book Sale on Saturday, September 7, which well be held during Chokecherry Festival, and Donna, Tom and Marie will work the second shift. Thank you to those volunteering. Montana books will be displayed at a table outside of the building. Marie had suggested a price of $3 for the newer books. She had also wondered about putting an ad in the newspaper. Considering the cost benefit, it was the consensus of those present not to purchase an ad.

The tall chairs for the area by the Seventh Street windows have not arrived. When the new windows are installed, the landscaping on the east side of the building will be torn up. Leah Grunsky’s name was suggested to design a native Montana garden for the area. Since we will need to ascertain the cost of such a design before committing, the subject was tabled until more members are present.

Since Blanche was not in attendance at the meeting, there was no report regarding refinishing the door to the upstairs reading room. Mary Mendel suggested Pete Ruddy, and will check with him. Other people suggested are Darrell Tuss, and Ted Anderson. Sandy will check with Ted.

Pam Osborn, Volunteer Coordinator for Lewistown RSVP, dropped in to introduce herself and touch base with Friends of the Library. Her email address is lewistownrsvp@gmail.com.

Since no Library staff were unable to attend the meeting, Arlene gave a short report on the results of the City Budget Meeting. They approved a 14.5 percent increase in the Library’s budget and will take over employee payroll cots in the future. Yay!

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Birkland, Secretary