

Friends of the Library Minutes
October 30, 2019

Welcome: Vice President, Arlene Mari, called the meeting to order at 12:00 on Wednesday, October 30, 2019, and welcomed those attending: Mary Jo Hamling, Tony Gies, Mary Mendel, Floss Kettering, Donna Philip, Kathy Moser, Mary Friese, Dani Buehler 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. Kathy moved, seconded by Tony to approve the minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Tony Gies, reported he had written checks for \$693 for the chairs, and \$3,000 for the Friends share of the windows. The balance of the checking account is \$12,493.53 after paying these bills.

New and continuing business:

Tony passed around a sample of the wording for the plaque that will be put on Tom and Marie's bench. It read "Tom and Marie Anderson, helping the Lewistown Library be the best that it can be." The bench will be placed next to the book station. The plaque should be ready in about two weeks and, when it is, Tony will take it to Casino Creek Concrete to be placed in the bench.

Arlene reminded us of book sorting on Thursday. She and Donna said the dumpster is full. Tony will call to have it emptied. Donna and Arlene tidied up the Book Station, eliminated the religious section and rearranged some other sections.

Director's Report:

Dani said they were all excited to have the new windows installed and remarked on how much warmer it would make that part of the library. She then brought up snow removal for the book station. The county covers the cost for the Library block, but the Book Station is not covered. She will look into finding a private contractor to do the Book Station, and it will be paid for from the Dowler Trust Account.

She is getting bids to remove the trees in the alley and remove the big ash tree, because it is split at the bottom and one section is damaged. The cost will be about \$1,500 to remove the tree and \$400 to \$500 for the work in the alley.

Carnegie Book Reception, November 7, at 6:00 p.m. The author, Kate Hampton, will be speaking, and Friends of the Library will provide refreshments. Set up should start at 4:30, refreshments from 6:00 to 6:30, and Kate will speak from 6:30 to 7:00 or 7:30. Cleanup will start when she is finished speaking. Those providing refreshments should have them there by 5:00.

Chili Bowl, January 17, 2020. The library will take care of the tables, chairs and questions. Dani said hopefully, Dave and Arlene will correct the answers. The Friends will provide the food. We will need 40 lbs. of ground beef. Sandy volunteered 10 lbs. and Dani will seek donors for the rest.

Upcoming expenses: The boiler will need about \$2,000 of repair work. The \$3,500 for the security cameras is still pending. The external wiring at the work stations needs updating. Dani wondered if both expenses could be wrapped into one, and a grant could be applied for to pay for both.

The space for book donations will be closed. A box will be built, and donations will go directly to the Book Station.

More New and Continuing Business:

Chili Bowl: Mary Friese wondered if we could order all the groceries from the Council on Aging simplify shopping. Dale Pfau may be willing to do that again. We will need 5 roasters. Those available are from Sandy, Donna, Blanche, Kathy Moser, Dean Martin, and we think that there is one belonging to the Friends.

Senior Living Fair: Arlene reported on the Senior Living Fair held at the Brewery. She said it had been good for exposure, and that we have two new members as a result of our table there. She asked if we would want to send a letter to reach out to people and passed around a sample letter. Everyone thought this was a good idea.

Santa Seconds Sale: The sale will be held on Saturday, December 7th, in conjunction with the monthly book sale. Arlene will get an announcement to the newspaper, and Donna and Mary F will handle the radio ad. Donna will contact Marie about the timing of the ad, aiming for the week before Thanksgiving. It was suggested that we should do more than one, and start the week of the 18th for the newspaper. Members are encouraged to donate two plates of one dozen cookies each to the sale. The baked goods were popular at the 2018 SSS.

Carnegie Book Reception: Setup: Arlene, Sandy, Donna, Mary F. Wine: Arlene, Sandy, Kathy, Floss, Mary F, Donna. Cookies and appetizers: Donna, Mary Jo, Arlene, Sandy. Sandy moved, seconded by Tony to have FOL pay for the meat and cheese tray. Motion carried. Sandy will order it. Arlene will take care of the coffee. Water will be available. There are coffee cups, paper plates and napkins available. We will need wine glasses. Sandy will bring two table cloths.

Library Board Meeting: Mary and Mary Jo brainstormed names of people and groups to send information to promoting the Friends of the Library.

There being no further business to discuss, Sandy moved, seconded by Mary Jo to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Birkland, Secretary