

Friends of the Library Agenda November 25, 2020

Attending: Sandy Birkland, Mike Chapman, Kari Denison, Angie Eakins, Mary Frieze, Tony Gies, MaryJo Hamling, Arlene Mari

Agendas and copies of the Oct. meeting minutes were distributed.

Welcome: President Arlene Mari opened the meeting at noon.

Kari Denison updated the group in Director Dani Buehler's absence. The group thanked Kari for coming during her lunchtime to update us. The library workers heard positive feedback on the most recent Book Station by appointment only sale. Things are going well at the library. For Thanksgiving week, library is closed on Thursday then open for takeout window and phone calls only on Friday Nov. 27th from 10am till 4pm and again on Sat. Nov. 28th 10am till 2pm. Fewer staff members will be on duty those days.

Discussion was held about community members wishing to bring donated books to book station during sales. The group felt this is okay. The books would be stored/quarantined as has been being done before being offered for sale.

Disposition of Minutes from previous meeting: A motion was made (Mary F., 2nd by Sandy B) and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Tony G. reported the balance is \$26,489.15 and noted that there have been donations.

New and Continuing Business:

Results of Book Sale by appointment only: Brought in \$166 on Friday, \$115 on Saturday for a total of \$281. Those who worked the sale said people who came to shop were appreciative of the opportunity. Their recommendation was to allow longer hours for the sale on Friday if we do this type of sale again. Some of the shoppers said they would plan to come again if there is a chance at another sale. It was noted we need to be sure to remind people to make appointments for specific times to shop.

Next Book Station Book Sale by Appointment only: We decided to have another sale by appointment on Friday Dec. 18th from 2pm till 5pm and then again on Sat. Dec. 19th from 9am till 2 pm. We will advertise this in a similar way to the recent one, with shoppers phoning for appointments. We will let the News Argus and radio station know and also send out an email to the Friends of the Library members and have signs up at the library and book station. Also we will ask if this can be included in the Library column in the News Argus.

Note on 1/28/2021 – the December 2020 meeting was cancelled.

Bookshelves in Book Station are mostly full and/or overflowing. After discussion it was felt that the FOL members who are sorting books can decide if some need to be discarded. This would be especially for some books that have been there a long time. We decided to continue taking books through the end of December and then will look at the situation. If needed we would ask people to hold off on donations for a while. MaryJo will check with the Keystone Christian Book Store. In the past, they have taken religious themed books.

Donation of duplicate books to Denton Library. MaryJo is coordinating with Kelly Davis, Denton city clerk and librarian. There are 3 boxes of books that are all duplicates set aside for the Denton Library. Hamlings took four boxes of books to the Roundup Library and their librarians were appreciative. These were also duplicates that the sorters had set aside. MaryJo spoke with GrassRange Public Schools librarian George Maruska and let him know there are duplicates that we would be willing to share with his school library. He will look at their location and let us know. Both Roundup and Denton libraries told us that current mystery and fiction are the popular titles that they could use so that is what we gave them. We attempted to offer books to the Moore library, but they have not responded yet.

Nancy Watts' Retirement. Mary Frieze showed the group the framed historic map that was put together with a plaque on it to give to Nancy from the library and the FOL. The Friends group is splitting the cost with the library. The group voted to reimburse Mary Frieze \$60 for the materials she purchased to frame the map. This motion carried. The understanding is that the Library board would pay the other \$60 to Mary.

Status of the New Book Drop. It has been ordered. The money from the grant must be spent by Dec. 31, 2020, so we are anxious to have the book drop arrive, so that can be paid. After the meeting, the group will look at possible locations for the old book drop over by the Book Station in the area where the shed and dumpster are located.

Request from Flipcause. This is a company that assists nonprofits in doing online donations and fundraising. Discussion was held. The group agreed that for now, we are not interested in this company. They operate by charging a subscription fee. Mike pointed out that in several months after the pandemic decreases, the FOL will be able to resume our regular fundraising again.

The next FOL meeting will be Dec. 30 at noon.

Respectfully submitted. MaryJo Hamling, Secretary