

## Minutes for Friends of the Lewistown Public Library Meeting Wed. August 25, 2021

**Attending:** Angie Eakins, Mary Frieze, Tony Gies, MaryJo Hamling, Arlene Mari, Donna Phillip, Brittney Uecker

Arlene welcomed all attending to the meeting at 1 pm. The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed, along with agendas.

The group approved the July minutes (Tony G. motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary F.)

**Treasurer's Report:** Tony G. reported the balance is \$20,951. The metal shelves for the back room of the Book Station arrived and Mary F. said she is willing to help put them together.

**Director Report:** Brittney, as acting director, reported that the front stonework upstairs outside is completed.

This includes a new step on the outside stairway.

The alley window replacement is happening now. This was a 50-50 split cost with the T.I.F. Grant.

John Payne said that when pulling cable for the upgrade to technology he could install WiFi at the Book Station. A motion was adopted to spend \$90 for this. (Donna P motion with Angie E. 2<sup>nd</sup>).

Upcoming closure for the library will be on Chokecherry Festival Day (Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>).

The new director should be starting the last week of August. Mary Frieze and Brittney will help her to become familiar with the library procedures.

**Book Sale results:** Aug. 6 and 7<sup>th</sup> books sale brought in \$724.25. (more on Sat. than Friday). No used stacking chairs sold. It was discussed what to do with them.

Upcoming sale is this weekend – Labor Day weekend Sept. 3 and 4<sup>th</sup>.

Workers: Friday noon till 2:30 pm: MaryJo and Doreen Heintz

2:30pm till 5 pm: Angie Eakins and Pat Giedd

Saturday 9 till 12:30pm: Tony and Louise Gies

MaryJo is willing to go to the radio to promote the next book sale. Shoppers sometimes tell us they have heard about the sales on the local radio.

### **Book Station discussion:**

Donna suggested that with the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 911 Attacks, that we put some books with the topic of the Mideast and related subjects on the round carousels and highlight these.

It was discussed about half-price sale of books with selected authors each month.

Weeding out books that have been on the shelves a long time was discussed. Examples: books that had been in the small room off the front room – gardening, home improvements, and also dictionaries and cookbooks. The station has a new War Room. The shelves have been cleaned and painted. This room will feature various wars – both nonfiction and fiction.

Discussion was held on what to do with duplicates. The shed is very full of lots of duplicates or even multiple copies. It was suggested to shelve those where we can and toss the rest or put out a box or two of duplicates on sale day and mark them ½ price. If they do not sell, then toss them. The plan is to clean out the shed.

Arlene contacted Chokecherry vendor Rick Harrington who wants to use the Book Station electricity that day and told him of our approval. FOL will work with him when it gets closer to Chokecherry Festival.

It was pointed out to remember to use the cable and lock to lock the big dumpster behind the Book Station before Chokecherry Festival.

Discussion about possibly replacing the sink in the back area of the Book Station (where all the breaker boxes are.) A motion carried to do this and have the FOL pay the costs. Motion by Mary F. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna P. carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted

MaryJo Hamling, Secretary