

Friends of the Library Meeting Minutes for October 28, 2021

Attending: Angie Eakins, Tony Gies, Mary Frieze, MaryJo Hamling, Kathy Moser, Alissa Wolenetz, Arlene Mari, Andrea Payne, Donna Phillip

President Arlene Mari welcomed everyone and called meeting to order at 1 pm and agendas, minutes and Director's Report were distributed.

The minutes of the Sept. 29th meeting were approved motion by Angie, 2nd by Tony.

Treasurer's Report: Tony reported the balance is \$22,191.24.

Alissa gave the Director's Report:

Projects: **Virtual Humanities Events coming up**

Caroline Patterson – Women Writers Workshop Thursday Nov. 18th and Thursday Dec. 2nd from 6 – 8 pm.

Mark Gibbons – Thursday, Dec. 9th from 6 -8 pm.

Humanities MT is still doing their presentations virtually due to Covid.

School and Kids:

Library bought some more hot spots to check out and one to let the Grass Range High School use.

“Galactic Quest” is a 4H program and the library will coordinate with Extension Service for this workshop in January.

Brittney will be attending NASA-themed training in early November (5th and 6th)

Writing workshops for youth and teens will resume in November

Brittney was on the radio today explaining these programs

Adult Programming

Some senior outreach programs have been on hold due to Covid situation

Alissa is schedule to be at the Arts Center's Harvest Festival on Nov. 6th with a crate of books, a tablet, a hot spot and library sign up information

Extension and Alissa would like to have a cooking class with a humanities component in January. Possibly something will be presented related to Community Cookbooks. This would be virtual.

The new County Ag Agent is working on a workshop on Recovering from Wild Fires and Alissa will coordinate with this effort.

Promotion:

Two possibilities are Bright Country Nights in late Nov. at Fairgrounds and at Winter Fair in January.

The group discussed this and it was decided to wait till next year to consider being involved with Bright Country Nights, given this is coming up very soon.

There is still time at the Dec. meeting to discuss having a Book Sale during Winter Fair late in January.

Library Building

Fire inspection: Based on this the library is working on quotes for new smoke detectors and exit signs.

The group discussed involvement with Bright Country Nights and decided to wait till next year to consider being involved with this project.

Old Business:

Results of Oct. 1 and 2 book sale: Very successful sale was held.

Oct. 1 Friday \$534

Oct. 2 (Saturday) \$371

Total: \$905

Upcoming Book Sale Friday 11/5 Noon till 2:30 pm Workers: Diane Brodd and Cathy M.

2:30 pm till 5 pm

Andrea Payne _____

Saturday 11/6 9am till 12:30 pm Tony Gies and helper

Upcoming Events

December book sale (Dec. 3rd and 4th) as usual. Will need 4 volunteers.

Santa's Seconds Sale: Saturday Dec. 4th: This will be held at the Judith Mountain Players theatre building (3rd and Barnes) and will also need volunteers.

Dec. 3rd (Friday): FOL will need folks to setup. This takes time.

Setting up will begin at 10 am till noon and 1pm till ??? (finished).

Those attending who volunteered to work: Mary F., Mary Jo, Angie in the afternoon

Dec. 4th (Saturday) will need workers at the sale. Alissa and Mary F. said they would work.

9 am till 11:30 am _____

11:30 am till 2 pm _____

Dec. 5th or 6 (Sunday or Monday) – will need help packing away unsold items and taking them to SAVES. How many workers and what times will need to be determined. Will need pickups.

Tony pointed out we should have someone check with SAVES prior to this.

There is a great community interest in having the Santa's Seconds sales and it is a fun event for all.

It is more as a community benefit and service that everyone enjoys. The fact FOL makes money for the library is a bonus!

Volunteers are needed to accept holiday donations at the Judith Mountain Players building on specific dates in November.

Alissa reached out to the 4H through Extension Service Office to ask if 4H clubs could help as part of community service. Has not heard back yet.

She asked if anyone has photos of previous Santa's Seconds sales they could share. We will check.

For accepting donations, it was decided on the following time slots (at Judith Mountain Players theatre:

Friday November 12	3 – 5 pm	Saturday Nov. 13 th	9am till 11am
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Donna P.	Arlene M.
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Friday November 19	3 – 5 pm	Saturday November 20	9am till a 11 am
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Donna P or MaryJo	Tony G.
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Friends will go on the radio announcing the regular book sale and also the Santa's Seconds Sale and explaining times and location for donating good used Christmas items. Will also contact the News Argus and Hidden MT website.

Cookie plates: It was decided to once again sell homemade cookies on plates. These will be one dozen cookies on a paper plate, sealed in zip-lock bags. Cost will be \$4 per plate. We are going to ask any FOL members wanting to donate cookies to provide 4 dozen cookies (packaged by 1 dozen per plate).

One FOL member requested that all workers wear masks to be safe and that we have signs around recommending the public wear masks as well (not mandatory, just suggesting.) The group agreed to this.

Next FOL meeting will be Wednesday Dec. 1st (moved from the usual last Wed. in the month due to that being the day before Thanksgiving).

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm. (Motion was made by Mary F. and second by Angie E.)

Respectfully submitted.

MaryJo Hamling, Secretary