

Friends of the Library April 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Those attending: Sandy Birkland, Angie Eakins, Mary Frieze, MaryJo Hamling, Arlene Mari, Andrea Payne, Alissa Wolenetz, Claudia Tate

President Arlene Mari called the meeting to order at 1 pm. Minutes and agendas were distributed.

Minutes were approved (motion by Andrea P., 2nd – Angie E.).

Treasurer's Report: Arlene let us know that Tony Gies reported FOL has a balance of \$32,361.71.

Director's Report:

Projects:

Imagination Library (Dolly Parton program) FOL has completed an application to have an endowment through the Central MT Foundation. It requires a minimum of \$2,500 to set up an endowment. FOL application for a grant from Central MT Foundation has made it to the 2nd round. So on May 24 the FOL/library will make a brief presentation of the application at the annual CMF meeting.

School and Kids:

Summer Reading Program: Theme is Oceans of Possibility and staff is working on plans. This will begin May 31st.

Library will be hiring some seasonal help for the summer.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Camp in August: will be Aug. 10-12 and will include robotics.

Humanities Events:

Thursday, April 28th from 4pm till 6 pm Humanities MT Kickoff event at the library (upstairs).

There will be programming through May of 2023. These are free to Lewistown and open to public.

Adult Programming:

Welcome to Lewistown Book Club continues on the 4th Tuesday of each month

Final Thursdays Monthly Writers Group will studying poetry

Possibly there is interest in having book clubs with specific themes – WWII, Sci/Fi or Fantasy

If anyone would be willing to lead a book group, please contact Alissa. The South Central Library Federation, of which the library is a member, has book club kits available. They receive funding each year for this purpose.

Library Building: No updates. The library board has a building/facilities committee and they will be looking at needs.

The State Library is nervous about libraries having property other than libraries themselves. So that would be the Book Station, which was purchased with Dowler Fund money (2706). If the FOL were to take over ownership of the Book Station, then FOL would be responsible for all costs, including Prop. Taxes and liability insurance (\$1,000 - \$2,000 for tax and \$600 per year. for liab.) and any others.

Results of Book Sale on April 1 and 2: \$862.50.

Also sold a book collection that Lyle Gorman put online.

An individual came into the Book Station and paid \$300 for it.

Upcoming book sale:

Volunteers needed:

Friday 5/6

noon – 2:30 pm

2:30 – 5:00 pm Angie Eakins and Sandy Birkland

Saturday 5/7

9am till 12:30 pm Tony and Louise Gies

Book Station discussions:

No scanning devices allowed in Book Station. Several signs are posted.

Book Station Rules and Regulations and Mission Statement of FOL developed by Donna Philip posted in Book Station. The rules are a fluid document.

News Argus ads: Do we need to do separate ads? Or, is having book sales listed in the library's regular column enough? Possibly list book sales in the want ads, rather than a separate ad? In the past, for special sales when we had collectibles, etc. FOL listed the sales in want ads.

Discussion about having some books specially marked at a future sale – possibly July? Fol sorters could price these higher than the regular prices. FOL will go on the radio May 31st to promote book sale.

Library Matters:

Discussed the surface on the outside of the library building. Has some problems and water got in underneath. Discussed the possibility of getting it patched. Also there are cracks on the Front Exterior of the building. Mary F. will go with the library board building committee when they examine this. Cathy Moser will contact the other members of the Building Committee so they can see what needs to be repaired and also look at the front exterior steps about repair.

The library board is continuing to work on MOU with the City. Waiting on legal interpretation from MSL (MT State Library) and MMIA re delegation of Library Board's authority. MMIA will work with MSL on legal aspects.

Having proper insurance coverage is important. There is an intent to pursue coverage. There could have been a difficult time crunch with new fiscal year approaching.

Other items:

Claudia announced that the Judith Mountain Players are hosting the Havre players group to do a play here at the Barnes St. Theatre. Title is *Charlie's Aunt*.

Also, the Manager of Town and Country grocery spoke with Claudia about the FOL. Their store chooses a nonprofit group each month that will receive money from tips at the coffee bar and money from people who get credit for bringing their own reusable bags when shopping. For May, the FOL is the recipient.

Next monthly meeting is Wed. May 25th at 1 pm in upstairs meeting room.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:58 pm. (Motion passed -- by Sandy B. and Alissa 2nd.)

Respectfully submitted,
MaryJo Hamling, Secretary