

MINUTES FOR FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING MAY 31, 2023

Attending: Angie Eakins, Mary Frieze, Tony Gies, MaryJo Hamling, Mary Mendel, Cathy Moser, Andrea Payne, Donna Philip, Alissa Wolenetz

V.P. Donna P. called the meeting to order at 1pm. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved (MaryJo moved, Andrea 2nd).

Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$45,157.64. Bills include \$485 from Intermountain Landscaping (Jeremy Bristol) for cleanup and spring start up of lawn. C.M. Variety Store bill for 4 kneeling pads for sorters to use at Book Station for \$7.96.

Director's Report:

Dolly Parton Imagination Library project is working well. There will be fundraising efforts by the Jaycees at the Beer Garden at the Fair for IL. The effort is to expanding the audience.

Alissa thanked FOL for donating funds to IL.

Summer Reading program starts June 6th. There will be adult programs as well as special events for kids also.

June 13th: Medicine Rock State Park

June 20: Emotional, Behavioral and Mental Health session

July 7th: Weather/Fire

July 13 Discussion

Plans are being made for a film screening at the Judith Theater as part of Summer Reading program.

Date for calendar: Hot Summer Nights celebration in downtown Lewistown Friday Aug. 18th

There will be live music out on the library patio

Old and Continuing Business:

May 5th and 6th Book Sale results: brought in \$744.00

Upcoming June book Sale

Friday 6/02: noon – 2:30 pm: _____

2:30 pm – 5 pm: Angie E. and Andrea P.

Sat. 6/03: 9 am till 12:30 pm: Tony and Louise Gies

Mid-month Book Sale Friday June 16th Friday:

noon till 2:30 pm Mary Mendel and Cathy Moser

2:30 pm till 5 pm: Angie E. and Andrea P.

FOL will try out having a mid-month sale. Possibly people involved in the Summer Reading Program who don't usually go to the monthly sales will be interested in shopping at this one.

The monthly book sale will be Friday June 30 and Sat. July 1st. In conjunction with that sale, there will be a special MT and Western History and Collectibles book sale – with books priced above what the regular sale charges and those will be on tables outside.

There are some toys the library would like to give the FOL. Possibly FOL could sell these at a Book Station book sale. The group discussed this and decided to sell these at a later sale than the 2 upcoming ones.

Cardboard: Is there interest in recycling cardboard from the book station? Andrea Payne volunteered to take the cardboard (after the boxes are broken down) when she takes hers. She has a subscription with Snow Mountain industries.

Chairs for the upstairs meeting room. Decided to purchase 5 chairs from Wier Furniture.(motion by Tony G and 2nd by Andrea P.

The group looked at sheets with the possible models and selected Nicorvo. These will be put in the upstairs room after July 15th (after Summer Reading Program ends.) We will take bids to sell the old ones, since they are still usable.

Mary Jo suggested FOL buy a handi vacuum for the Book Station. This was approved. She will purchase this.

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Lewistown Art Center is asking any other local nonprofits if they are willing to sponsor one of the beginning of the month Opening Receptions at the Art Center. Apparently we as a nonprofit have 3 permits we can use for a beer and table wine permit. Since the Art Center also has only 3 permits, they are asking for help for the other 9 months. In exchange for sponsorship, FOL can have a table at the Opening Receptions and present our mission to those attending.

We voted to sponsor one reception. Alissa will let Mary Baumstark know and they will schedule the date for our sponsorship.

The Library's Building Plan (which assesses the library building and its functioning and lets the library know such things as when it is time to replace the boiler or other items, etc.) will be a very useful tool to use in planning and budgeting. By June 30th the library is working on a Community Development Block grant to assess and make a master plan.

Library has received a nice grant in cooperation with the CMMC for providing outreach to cancer patients and their families at CMMC. This will include Ipad or ebooks, etc.

For the flower barrels at the Book Station, MaryJo will go purchase some annual plants and she and Jim will plant them. FOL will pay for this. Alissa said she and the staff will be glad to water those plants as needed.

On June 6th, for the first day of sign-ups for the Summer Reading program, FOL will have a table near the library entrance to explain what FOL is and also FOL members will bring some cookies for patrons/staff to enjoy. Mary M., Andrea, and Mary F. will bring some of the cookies. All cookies will be ones that do not have nuts in them, to avoid any problems for people with nut allergies.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.
Next meeting will be Wed. June 28th.