

Friends of the Library Meeting Minutes for June 29, 2022

Attending: Angie Eakins, Tony Gies, MaryJo Hamling, Cathy Moser, Arlene Mari, Mary Messina, Andrea Payne, Donna Philip, Claudia Tate.

Welcome: President Arlene Mari called meeting to order and distributed minutes and agendas. Minutes of May meeting were approved.

Director's Report: Alissa is not here today, home ill.

June 3 and 4th Book Sale: Results: Total brought in \$649.00

Upcoming book sale:

Friday July 1

noon – 2:30 pm

Workers:

Pat Giedd and Doreen Heintz

2:30pm – 5 pm

Andrea Payne and Angie Eakins

Saturday July 2

9am till 12:30 pm

Tony Gies and _____

Jim Hanson constructed two shelves and installed them on the ends of the sci/fi and Westerns aisle. FOL paid the of the lumber. This adds some much needed shelf space.

Book Station Discussions: Table at the sale for special books (more collectible types) that sell from \$5 and up. This is an experiment to see how it goes. Mary Jo is researching some of the books that the sorting crew set aside.

Library Matters:

Humanities Speakers at library each Thursday evening at 6 pm as part of the adult Summer Reading Program. These have been well received. Humanities MT, the nonprofit based in Missoula is providing the speakers. They have many topics that can be presented. The Hometown Humanities Program will continue here in Lewistown through May 2023.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library: this project provides a new book sent to a child's home each month from birth to age 5. FOL is the host and there are sponsors who have donated to make this possible. The Kickoff for this will begin at Central MT Fair and Chokecherry Festival in Sept.

Motion (Tony G, and 2nded by Donna P.) to set up the endowment for this with CMF for \$7,500. Motion carried. Arlene is completing all the paperwork for this. So, this will result in a balance of \$ 33,178.00 for the FOL.

Library Board Building Committee met on Monday to discuss and examine the exterior of the building. Included as a member is architect Jeff Sheldon who can provide expertise. FOL has agreed to pay for part of this repair. There are cracks and places where the stucco-like covering is coming off and letting water underneath.. It is felt the contractor did not correctly install the product. Cathy M. has contacted Big Sky Plastering in Billings, a company that worked with former Director Dani Buehler in 2018 concerning this. Cathy has done a lot of work researching the details. There is a manufacturer's representative who is willing to come look at the exterior and make recommendations.

Cathy said the building committee is developing a maintenance plan for rotation of needed work projects.

Arlene reported that the library board now has a new chairperson, Jean Collins, who succeeded Mary Frieze, who has worked diligently as chair for quite some time.

Library Board is very interested in having a Chili Bowl event next January. They have ideas for a different format so the FOL group does not shoulder a disproportionate amount of the work. This includes possibly having 4H do the cooking. Possibly we might need a new venue. Previous Chili Bowls were held at Jack's hangar. Also, the library board mentioned having an Author's Dinner next year. Both Chili Bowl and the dinner are popular with the community and outlying area. These engage and involve many different local residents and serve as fundraisers.

Election of Officers for the next two years: The proposed slate is:

President:	Arlene Mari	Vice President:	Donna Philip
Secretary:	MaryJo Hamling	Treasurer:	Tony Gies

Mary M. moved to accept the slate by acclamation. Cathy M. 2nded and motion carried.

Discussion was held about possibly allowing people to come purchase books during the Thursday morning sorting times. Several people spoke in favor of doing this.

Discussion was held about the sandwich boards used to advertise on book sale days. Also, banner to put up on the library roof along railing outdoors to remind people about sales. At an earlier meeting, FOL decided to buy a banner to use on the outside of the upstairs of the library building.

Meeting was adjourned Next FOL meeting is Wed. July 27th at 1 pm in upstairs meeting room.

Respectfully submitted. MaryJo Hamling, Secretary