Friends of the Library (FOL) Minutes for November 29, 2023 Meeting

Arlene Mari welcomed all to the meeting. Minutes and agendas, and Director's Report were distributed.

Treasurer's Report: \$47,090.48 is the balance. **Library Director's Report: See next page**

Old and Continuing Business:

Results of November 3 book sale: \$ 383.00 Results of November 4 book sale: \$ 250.00

Total for November sale: \$ 633.00

Upcoming December Book Sale:

Friday 12/01: noon till 2:30 pm Ruth Harbour & Sandy Birkland

2:30 pm till 5pm Andrea Payne & Angie Eakins

Volunteers:

Saturday 12/02: 9am till 12:30 pm Tony and Louise Gies

Santa's Seconds Sale (Dec. 2nd) plans are marching along. There are areas where more help is needed. Sue Neftzger, Sue Lutke and a friend and Lynette Sallee will be helping.

No decision yet on whether we will have a silent auction. This depends on what treasures we find when we set things up at the Barnes Street Theater.

MaryJo – discussion of followup re. Display at Bright Country Nights held at Fairgrounds during Thanksgiving weekend Nov. 24, 25 & 26. Alissa had asked the FOL to setup the display that was a Santa's workshop in the small animal barn. Most of the items are already there – accumulated by Jennifer Saunders and the committee, so involved putting things out and connecting lights and extension cords. It is very helpful to have at least one person who is stronger and taller for putting up the background.

Last year, people from the public expressed disappointment that FOL did not have a book sale the first weekend in January. Discussion was held. The sale would be January 5th and 6th. It was decided to have a book sale at the book station on first Friday and Sat. of January for 2024.

After the New Year, the President's letter and membership requests (new memberships or renewals) need to be sent out. Keep this in mind if you would like to help with the mailing. The session to put the letters, inserts and envelopes with address labels and stamps does not usually take too long if several people help.

Chili Bowl: The committee is working on this for Friday Jan. 19th at the Trade Center at the Fairgrounds. More info in the Library Director's report on page 2.

Next meeting – Dec. 27 or January 31st? It was decided not to have a Dec. meeting – between Christmas and New Years holidays.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted MaryJo Hamling, Secretary