

## Friends of the Library Meeting Minutes for October 26, 2022

Those attending: Sandy Birkland, Angie Eakins, Mary Frieze, Tony Gies, MaryJo Hamling, Cathy Moser, Andrea Payne, Donna Philip, Alissa Wolenetz

President Arlene Mari welcomed all and distributed agendas.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tony G. reported the balance is \$36,724.59.

Minutes from the previous meeting will be presented at the November meeting.

### **Director's Report: Alissa**

She expressed thanks from the library staff for the FOL buying a leaf blower for the library.

#### 1. Imagination Library (Dolly Parton program)

116 children have signed up so far. \$6,259.33 (the available balance) was transferred to the DPIL foundation last month. Monthly invoices will be paid from this lump sum until it runs out. For context, our first monthly invoice, for books to be sent out in November, totaled \$255.70.

In the future, Montana First Lady Susan Gianforte may be interested in funding the program state-wide. We will keep you posted on how that goes.

People adore the program and everyone is very excited for the first round of books to go out in November.

Related to the Central MT Foundation: The foundation let all account holders know that they will be charging a ¼ % charge on the balance. This will be so they can manage all the accounts & have online access with a portal. They need to purchase software to do this. Many foundations have been charging accounts a certain percentage for a while now.

#### 2. Upcoming Events:

10/27 6 – 8 pm “Uncanny Lewistown Open Mic Night (3 min. limit)

10/28 6 – 8 pm Movie “The Nightmare Before Christmas” screening

11/03 6 – 8 pm Humanities Montana presentation “Storytelling: The Power to Connect Our World” with Lailani Upham

#### 3. Chili Bowl

Proposed Date: Friday January 20, 2022 at 5:30 pm at Jack's Hangar

Anyone wanting to be on the Chili Bowl committee? Andrea Payne said she would be.

MaryJo will contact Tim Robertson, owner of the hangar, to confirm the date.

The library board is pricing out the possible catering for the chili.

Last chili bowl, the cost per person was \$15.

#### 4. At the recent RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) annual dinner, our own Louise and Tony Gies received awards for the many, many hours of volunteering they do.

### Related to the Building:

1. There have been issues with water in the building following heavy rains. Since we may need to modify our existing gutter system to address this, I would like to wait to do anything more on the EIFS issue on the outside of the building until we have a professional assessment of the building.

The library has flat roof areas and gutter inside the building. Ever since the alley behind the library was paved, the problems have increased with wet spots.

2. We are looking for a new city-licensed company or individual to do our snow removal, especially the Main Street entrance steps.

### **Old/continuing Business:**

Results of Oct. 7 and 8 book sale at Book station: Brought in \$568.00

Upcoming book sale for Nov. 4/5:

Friday 11/4:	noon till 2:30 pm	Brian Suderman and Sandy Birkland
	2:30 pm till 5 pm	Andrea Payne, Angie Eakins & Gracie Howells
Sat. 11/5:	9 am till 12:30 pm	Tony & Louise Gies

### **Santa's Seconds Christmas Sale Discussion**

The group decided to sell homemade cookies again – one dozen cookies on a paper plate in a zip lock baggie. People can label what type of cookies are in each bag. Any FOL members willing to make cookies can make whatever amount they wish. We will sell them for \$3 a dozen.

Sale will be held at the Barnes Street Theater (on the corner of Barnes and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South) on Saturday December 3 from 9am till 4 pm.

**Chili Bowl:** Library Board has set up a committee to work out the details.

Previously discussed creating calendar of events so everyone can plan way ahead-- helps with folks being able to set priorities as to what is happening when so they can attend. Detailed Santa's Seconds Sale dates and times are being sent to Hidden Montana for publication online on their website and to Library for inclusion of dates in their articles. Any suggestions as to where else? How to get this before the public. Mary Frieze made flyers last year.

Sent article and photo to newspaper re. Spika Manufacturing's help at the Book Station on their Day of Service. They painted and built shelves, washed windows, etc.

### **Library Matters:**

**Building Committee:** The library is having a building inspector inspect the Library to determine if there is any underlying structural damage from water seepage in the past. This will be done prior to moving forward with contracting an EIFS certified business to repair the outside of the building.

Andrea P. mentioned that she measured over at the Book Station on the west side for possible blinds/shades to block the Sun when workers are at the sales. There is a 2 inch metal strip and a way to mount curtains or blinds would need to be worked out.

The question came up about if the library would consider having a tool or game check-out system or even something like sewing machines. Alissa said that right now the library has very limited storage, so any of those things probably wouldn't work right now.

The question also came up about the possibility of having credit card readers for use when customers are purchasing books at the Book Station. Some places such as the Art Center do this, as do individuals who sell art or other things at craft fairs. One of the possible hindrances is that of the Friends being able to have a credit card.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Next Meeting for FOL: Wed. Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted:  
MaryJo Hamling, Secretary