

Friends of the Lewistown Public Library Meeting Minutes for Nov. 29th, 2022

Those attending: Angie Eakins, Mary Frieze, Tony Gies, MaryJo Hamling, Arlene Mari, Mary Messina, Kathy Overland, Alissa Wolenetz, Donna Philip

Pres. Arlene Mari called meeting to order. Minutes and agendas were distributed. Minutes from Sept. meeting were approved (motion by Mary M. and 2nd by Angie E.) Minutes from Oct. meeting were approved (motion by Angie E., Donna P. 2nd)

Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$37,290.04.

Director's Report:

Dolly Parton Imagination Library: 130 children are signed up so far.

Library Programming:

Discussion Groups include:

WWII 1st Tues. 6 pm *The Baker's Secret*

SF & F 2nd Tues. 6 pm *The Martian*

Film Club 3rd Tues. 5:30 pm *The Martian (movie)* Drew is leading this club.

A-Z club 4th Tues. 6 pm *The Girl with Seven Names*

Christmas Crime-Fest – Cozy afternoon of murder mystery/true crime discussion, board games & hot cocoa will be on Wed. 12/28 from 4pm – 8 pm.

Alissa reported that the library could use a printer that is wireless so patrons could print from home. She said the libraries will be asking the legislature for \$4.8 million for shared services (joint catalog system and others). She felt all could wait and see what the legislature funds.

She told about the Imagination Library Christmas tree downstairs in the library and the Give the Gift of Reading". It has paper ornaments that patrons can take and donate toward helping this program (ex: sponsoring a child for a year, etc.)

The library now has a film club. Drew is in charge of this and they will be showing films and having discussions. The library now has a film license which allows this to happen.

Color of the Month Reading Challenge from Jan – May: The library staff asked if the FOL could pull some books from the Book Station shelves to use in the project beginning in January of books of specific color – each month there will be featured books with their front covers of a certain color, different each month. People participating in this can keep track on a special bookmark and then qualify for a free book. This was very popular last year.

There is a need for a podcast microphone for the library. Alissa will research this.

Brittney continues to have the 3rd grade classes coming to the library on a regular basis.

Building Issues: Thanks to Tony G. for taking care of the warranty and facilitating getting a new leaf blower after the first one broke.

Questions for FOL:

Is there interest in sponsoring a winter movie at the Judith Theater?

Staff wish list: tea kettle for upstairs meeting room; small popcorn machine and a better projector/screen/audio setup for movie nights; podcasting equipment and software; new wall art, toys and a SMART TV for the youth section; new speaker/mic setup for events; snowblower (pending decision on a snow removal company); and a staff breakfast for Christmas and coffee/espresso machine.

Book Station Nov. Sale:

Results for Nov. 4 & 5 sale: brought in \$841.75

Upcoming Christmas book sale:

Friday 12/2 noon till 2:30 pm Neil and Donna Philip
2:30 - 5 pm Jo Suderman and Angie Eakins
Sat. 12/3 9am till 12:30 pm Tony and Louise Gies

Santa's Seconds Sale discussion: reminder of times, dates and volunteers. MaryJo will do a radio announcement.

Chili Bowl Jan. 20th at Jack's Hangar: committee has been set up by Library Board to workout details. Andrea Payne has volunteered to be the Friend's representative on the committee.

Each year the FOL donates gift cards for all the staff of the library. A motion carried (motion by MaryJo and 2nd by Mary M.) to provide gift cards in the amount of \$25 for each staff member.)

Carrie Mantooth from the Central Montana Foundation sent notices out to each account in the foundation that they will now be charging a certain percentage to administer the funds. Many foundations in the state have already been charging for this for some years.

January is membership renewal time. Any suggestions for new people to reach out to?

Library Matters:

Library Board continues to work on the issues of the outside of the building. They are looking at a possible inspection of the building which could help determine what actions to attempt. This will be done prior to moving forward with negotiations with an EFIS-certified business to repair the outside of the building.

Book Station/ Dec. FOL meeting?: It was decided not to have a December meeting since it would happen between Christmas and New Years and not to have a Book Station book sale on Jan. 6th and 7th. Many volunteers would welcome a break after the Dec. book sale and the Santa's Seconds Sale.

Some of the items left from the Santa's Seconds Sale will be donated to the Treasure Depot. Arrangements were made with their manager to bring the items the Monday after the sale. Cleanup at the theater will also be on that Monday.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

MaryJo Hamling, Secretary