

Friends of the Library Meeting May 25, 2022 Minutes

Those attending: Sandy Birkland, Angie Eakins, Mary Frieze, Tony Gies, MaryJo Hamling, Arlene Mari, Donna Phillip, Alissa Wolenetz.

Welcome: President Arlene Mari welcomed everyone, distributed agendas and minutes and called the meeting to order at 1 pm.

Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$35,648.20.

Library Director's Report- Alissa:

Imagination Library (Dolly Parton program) – sends books monthly to children up to 5 years old at their homes.

Library staff Alissa and Sue S. presented their proposal to the foundation at the annual luncheon yesterday..

Funds raised for immediate use: Received \$5,000 from CMF from the grant application and \$629 from Fergus Fed. Credit Union for a total of \$5,629. The target amount is 9,663 so \$4,034 remains to be raised.

Long-term funding: \$2,500 for permanent endowment in the Foundation from the Friends

Next Steps: Create the permanent endowment at CMF and publicize

Contact Fergus County business about sponsoring children

Create a strategy for additional fundraising from individuals

EX: sponsor a child for \$25.50 (\$2.10 per mo. X 12 mo.)

Summer Reading Program: Oceans of Possibility

May 31 – July 9

Adult program – Humanities speakers every Thursday evening 6 – 8 pm.

Youth Program – speakers and events, including a free movie (Surf's Up at Judith theatre) free swimming pool day (July 9th, and story walk along City trails

Adult programming

Book Clubs include Welcome to Lewistown, Sci – Fi and WWII.

Writing group continues

possible add language and travel clubs

Other: Thanks to FOL members Angie, Donna, Sandy B and Margaret who provided refreshments for the presentation on May 21 on Military members and their connection to their community. Some treats that were left were served to library patrons later.

May 6 and 7 Book Sale: Total brought in was \$683.

Workers:

Upcoming book sale Friday 6/3: noon till 2:30 pm: Neil and Donna

2:30 – 5 pm: Andrea Payne & Angie E.

Saturday 6/4: 9am till 12:30 pm: Tony & Louise Gies

Book Station discussions:

There were no issues with any book sellers trying to scan books at the recent sale.

There have been lots of book donations recently. Donna reported the sandwich board needs repair or replacement. Motion (MaryJo, 2nd by Donna P) carried to purchase potting soil and plants for the 2 wooden barrels in front of the book station.

FOL will look at possibly adding some shelves at the book station.

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Motion carried (Sandy B., 2nd by Angie) to get sign costing up to \$500 to advertise events at the library. Can be made to be interchangeable. Discussion held about putting it up on the railing outdoors on the rooftop of the library.

Donations: \$2,000 received from Rose Koffler. This will be to help upgrade restrooms.
\$500 from the Liz and Clint Loomis Memorial Fund

Library Matters:

Arlene reported she attended the Central MT Foundation annual meeting at the Elks on May 24 where Alissa and Sue Standley made the presentation requesting a grant. There were ten requests presented that day. FOL received \$5000 from CMF.

The Library Board is continuing to work on MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the City of Lewistown. Legal interpretation from Montana State Library and MMIA re: delegation of Library Board's authority has been issued and that language is proposed to be in our working draft.

Discussion of issues with the conditions on the exterior of the library building. The library board has a building committee that will be meeting to discuss possible options for repair.

Next FOL meeting is Wed. June 29th at 1pm. Public is invited.

Next book sale will be Friday July 1st noon till 5pm and Sat. July 2nd 9am till 12:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
MaryJo Hamling, Secretary