

Minutes Friends of the Library Meeting January 26, 2022

Those attending: Angie Eakins, Mary Frieze, Tony Gies, MaryJo Hamling, Arlene Mari, Cathy Moser, Andrea Payne, Donna Philip, Bob Tate, Claudia Tate, Alissa Wolenetz

Arlene Mari, President, welcomed all to the meeting and called meeting to order at 1 pm. Minutes of Dec. 1st meeting and agendas were distributed. Minutes of the Dec. 1, 2021 meeting were approved (Motion, Donna P., 2nd Cathy M.) No meeting was held at the end of Dec. due to the holidays.

Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$22,852.24. Tony G. took the books to the accountant recently. Arlene received notice to re-register for 2022 with the Sec. Of State's office.

Director's Report by Alissa Wolenetz:

Humanities events: have been well received. Chris LaTray, Metis author and poet from Missoula area will speak on March 24th (Thursday) in person. Possibly will also speak with the Teen Writer's group. Possibly the library will have appetizers available.

- Schools and Kids: New book club for 4th -8th grade students.
“Galactic Quest” programming with Extension Service and Boys & Girls Club
Scholarship application preparation workshops for high school seniors coming up before Mar. 15th
Summer Reading Program theme for 2022 is “Oceans of Possibility”
- Adult Programming:
Welcome to Lewistown Book Club – first meeting had 6 people attend.
They are reading the book *Blind Your Ponies*, by Stanley Gordon West.
Final Thursdays of Month Writers Group is meeting.
Lewistown Training and Education Coalition (TEC)
This works with JobService, HRDC and the Central MT Ed. Center
job training and adult education
Entrepreneurship support coalition (SPARK- is the statewide entrepreneur group)
- Discussion for the Friends:
Hosting Movie nights at the theater or library
Cost is approx. \$250 - \$350 for each movie
Can get a license for \$540 to show movies.
Discussed aspects: advertising, cleanup, volunteers needed, etc.

Note: IN the past, FOL had a donation of \$1,000 for movies – spent part of this on two movies.

- Possibilities for the future with help from the FOL:
Remodeling the downstairs bathrooms
Redoing a break room for the staff (w. table/chairs, fridge, microwave)

Received a thank you from the Denton library for children's books that the FOL donated to the Denton community.

Alissa and the other staff want to get teens and young adults into the library. Possibly with something that would draw them such as Star Wars, etc.

Old/Continuing Business:

Results of Dec.3 and 4 th book sale:	\$1,109.50
Results of Santa's Seconds Sale Dec. 4 th & 5 th (Sat./Sun.)	<u>\$2,054.00</u>
Total:	\$3,163.50

Upcoming Book Sale Feb. 4th and 5th:

Friday (2/4)	Noon – 2:30 pm: _____
	2:30 pm – 5pm: Angie E. and Andrea Payne
Saturday:	9am till 12:30 pm: Tony and Louise Gies

Note: Louise is out of town, so Arlene Mari will work.

Had very generous donations and eager and happy shoppers.

Book Station Discussions:

All books on wars (novels, world wars, civil war, Vietnam War, etc.) are now located in the War Room at the rear of the west end where the newer mystery books are located.

Issue of folks sitting and lying on the floor at Book Station during sales, scanning books for hours and creating a hazard for other patrons and workers has come up. Discussion was held. FOL will make signs regarding safety first and not blocking shelves nor aisles.

Bob. T. suggested signs asking patrons to limit your time so that all potential shoppers have a chance to shop. Discussion was held about having an alternate day/time for book sellers to come to the book station and buy books.

We will continue to address this issue at the next meeting.

It was pointed out that part of FOL's purpose in having sales is that of sharing the books kindly donated by local people, with the community/surrounding area residents.

2022 Membership Drive: Volunteers who said they would help: MaryJo , Mary, Andrea, Angie, Donna? Arlene wrote a letter to the present FOL members. We will send out a mailing with the letter plus an envelope for joining or rejoining FOL. Volunteers will put this all together in upstairs meeting room. There are presently 138 FOL members. Mary F. made posters to advertise the membership drive.

It was brought up this issue of Election of Officers: Last slate elected June 4, 2020. Will check bylaws.

Question came up if the library staff has needed items in mind, such as new vacuum cleaner, or leaf blower, etc. Alissa will check with the staff.

Meeting was adjourned at 2 pm.

Respectfully submitted: MaryJo Hamling, Secretary