

FRIENDS OF THE MONONA PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING  
May 2016  
Board Room, Monona Public Library

Present: Ann Bowles, Sally Buffat, Anne Doran, Kay Gage, Leslie Johnson, Abbie Loomis, Mary O'Connor, Erick Plumb, Jennifer Weinberger, Lynda Weinberger, Sue Carr, John Debacher, Alicia Hazen, Mary Anne Lichtfield, Kathy Thomas

1. Opening of Meeting: Kay called the meeting to order at 6:45
2. Approval of minutes of January 2016 meeting. A motion by Kay, seconded by Abbie to approve the minutes of the January 2016 meeting was approved unanimously.
3. Reports:
  - a. Treasurer's Report: Leslie reported that the current balance is 12,900. She remarked that one expense was Stevenson's Tree Service, and she thinks the tree looks great. See attached treasurer's report.
  - b. Membership Report: Ann could not pass out a report, as her computer is broken. She reports that we have 10 new superfriends. Sue has been writing thank you notes to those superfriends.
  - c. Library Director's Report: Erick reports that the library is having a wonderful year, especially in the area of adult programming- He also mentioned that the following night (Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>) was Gallery night at the library for the first time. (Sue attended and it was fabulous!)
  - d. Fundraising Committee Report: Sue & Sally reported on the upcoming fundraising committee meeting (Thursday, May 12 at 545 pm-agenda attached)
    - a. Event one- Paint Night- Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. 20 people can sign up, at a cost of \$40 per person-artist is charging \$25. Mary Anne got the wine donated, so our only other cost is the food. It was decided that costs would be repaid out of the profits from the night. Chris Marsh is heading up.
    - b. Event two- Scavenger Hunt- Weekend of September 16-18. Jen Falkowski is heading up. It will be a Monona Focused Hunt going all weekend- and with the final event at the library. Teams of 10 and \$10 each.
    - c. Event three- Our yearly Friends event at the Library- Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. It is a Mardi Gras/masquerade theme. Mark those calendars.
  - e. There is an important Friends Fundraising Committee Meeting on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 545 pm. We would love all hands on deck for that meeting, or for volunteering for subcommittees for the event!

4. Report on Staff and Volunteer Appreciation Night. First time that it was a cocktail hour. Most feedback was good- Suggestions were:

- a. More Beer
- b. Music
- c. Formulated Nametags indicating which committee/task they do
- d. More spread out food so people would spread out.
- e. Next year, week of April 2---National Library Week.
- f. This event, will from now on, replace the Friends Dinner in May.  
(so there is no dinner on May 23 at Daisy Café)

5. Slate for Officers for the next year:

Motion to approve officers was made by Mary O'Connor, seconded by Leslie Johnson.

President: Kay Gage

Vice President: Abbie Loomis

Past President: Lynda Weinberger

Secretary: Sue Carr

Treasurer: Leslie Johnson

Passed Unanimously.

6. Slate for Board Directors

Motion for approve Slate of Directors. Motion made by Abby Loomis, seconded by Alicia Hazen

Membership: Ann Bowles

Book Sale: Ann Doran (will be her final year) and Leslie Johnson

Book Store: Abbie Loomis

Publicity: John DeBacher (will be his last year)

Newsletter: Mary O'Connor

Bake Sale: Jenny Weinberger

Fundraising Events: Sue Carr

General Directors: Alicia Hazen

Changes proposed: Ann Doran will do book sale one more year, and will partner to train Leslie Johnson. New Position for Fundraising Events. John Debacher gave notice that this will be his last year on the board.

Passed Unanimously

7. Book Sale & Bake Sale

- a. Dates for Book and Bake Sale are October 8 and 9, 2016
- b. Ann Bowles presented the estimate for a new set of yard signs. John Debacher moved spending \$237.25 for 25 new signs and wires. Ann will look into adding bake sale to the sign.
- c. Book Sale Table Signs: John will run new signs with a bigger font.

- d. Kathy suggested a direction sheet for volunteers who come in to sort. All agreed this was a good idea.
  - e. John will be sure that Jake (Rec Dept) includes the book sale in the Fall Festival promos
8. Book Store Report:
- a. Abbie thanks the staff members who helped her with shelving to reorganize the friends' storage room. (We later took a tour and it is incredible!!!)
  - b. Some things about the room:
    - i. There are some boxes still to be sorted, but some boxes are labeled with the correct category.
    - ii. There is a shelf labeled for John Debacher to price the special arty books
    - iii. There is also a shelf for "theme" books for the spinners up front.
    - iv. Shout out to our new volunteer, Susan, who has been working a lot.
    - v. If it is your month, and you are overwhelmed, please call Abbie.
    - vi. Book store Volunteers.

May: Alicia

June: Mary

July: Sue

Aug.: Abbie

Sept.: Mary, John, Abbie and Anne D.

Oct.: Alicia

Nov.: Kay

9. Archives:

Ann Bowles reported on her work on sorting out the archives. She has found a lot of interesting stuff! and all agreed that it should all be kept. Ann created a list, and it is attached. Mary suggested hiring an archivist intern from the university to work on that, and Erick will look into that.

10. Action Items.

- a. Erick did not ask for any funds.
- b. The board asks Erick to ask for funds a week ahead so that they can go out with agenda, and be considered by board members before the meeting.

11. Next meeting of the Friends Board Thursday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:45

12. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Submitted by Sue Carr

Attachments: Treasurers Report

Archives List.

