

## FRIENDS OF THE MONONA PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING

9/8/16

Board Room, Monona Public Library

Present: Ann Bowles, Sally Buffat, Anne Doran, Kay Gage, Leslie Johnson, Abbie Loomis, Mary O'Connor, Jennifer Weinberger, Lynda Weinberger, Sue Carr, John Debacher,

1. Opening of Meeting: Kay called the meeting to order at 6:45
2. Approval of minutes of May 2016 meeting. A motion by John seconded by Leslie to approve the minutes of the January 2016 meeting was approved unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report: Leslie had sent the report earlier in the week. She reported that we have recently changed banks from Anchor to Monona State Bank. Balance of friend's account as of April 30<sup>th</sup> is 12,916.05
4. Membership Report: Ann reported that for this quarter we have 43 continuing members, 123 renewals thru May 2017, and 13 super friends. 35 members expired in May, Ann sent 57 postcards, and had 20 renewals.
5. Fundraising Committee Report:
  - a. Fomlash Scavenger Hunt begins tomorrow. 75 people signed up on 8 teams. (Sally presented Leslie with \$560 cash for registrations)
  - b. Our Yearly Friends event at the Library- Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. It is a Mardi Gras/masquerade theme. Mark those calendars. Sally reported that we have a band lined up, food lined up (donated by New Orleans Take Out) and 2 platinum sponsors (Chads and Bill Cole). (Update: Bob Miller and Great Dane have agreed to donate the beer) There was a discussion of ticket price and a concern was expressed that we had to lower the price of the Shindig, so not to start too high- Committee will consider that along with trying to get more corporate sponsorship. Next Fundraising meeting is Wednesday, September 21 at 5 pm. Love to have more friends board members join us!
6. Director report: (Given by Sally)
  - a. Summer Reading Program- 1375 signed up, 700 completed the program (highest completion to date)
  - b. Has spoken to Michelle Bessant from the Library and Information Services about at intern to work on the archives. (unsure if this would be paid or unpaid)
  - c. 80 new chairs are in the forum room.
  - d. Library Board has approved a city wide survey to be conducted by an outside consultant. Online and on paper. Will need Friends assistance in getting the word out.
  - e. Sally shared the one page newsletter from the Madison Public Library. It was decided to ask Erick to write a blurb on a featured staff member (Matt?) for the April Newsletter.

7. Newsletter mailing will be next week. Sue offered to help Mary with it, and so did Leslie.
8. Leslie brought up a concern that email votes between meeting should be more formal and should be included in the minutes of the next meeting. (See appendices). Process decided on was that President would present a question and give the choices for a response-usually Yay or nay or no response- Board members can respond to President, and then she can present the results.
9. Bake and Book Sale
  - a. Anne has contacted MG21 and Sally will follow up.
  - b. Sign up sheets were circulated for setting up starting at noon on Wednesday in 2 hour shifts.
  - c. We will also be selling Bookbags for \$3 and coasters for \$10
  - d. Book Prices will remain the same as last year.
  - e. New people will be picking up books at the end of the sale- will not be helping us pack.
  - f. Kay needs help hanging up flyers- Ann Bowles will help her.
  - g. Jenny will do a sign up genius for people to bring baked goods
  - h. She also needs help for the bake sale at 8 am on Saturday
  - i. All friends board members should bring 2 dozen for something.
  - j. Kay suggested that we bring brown grocery bags for the bag sale.
10. Next meeting November 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:55. Note new time.
11. Mary moved adjournment, Jenny seconded at 8:20

Appendix one:

On June 14, Leslie Johnson requested the following vote:

Hello Friends –

I have contacted Stephenson Tree Care to remove the 3 juniper bushes on the North side of the parking lot. These evergreens are starting to over grow and kill the Spirea (which we want to save). The newly created area will then be planted with the flowers being made homeless with the new drive-way upgrade; as we are losing two gardens.

The Stephenson proposal is in the amount of \$405. This will include full removal of 3 evergreens, clean up and disposal of brush and debris. Also, grind 3 stumps and visible surface roots below soil grade. Grinded debris will be left as mulch.

Currently I have \$458 available but still must reimburse Elaine for perennials and dirt. At this time I am requesting \$300 (to have a small cushion) to complete the project.

If this sounds reasonable please let me know at your earliest convenience. The current proposal is valid for 30 days.

Thank you for your considerations. Leslie Johnson

Votes were collected and motion passed.

Appendix Two:

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, Sue Carr and Leslie Johnson asked for an email consent from the Board to begin the process of setting up a Paypal account for Friends. This will be another way for the friends to collect for events, and also renew memberships. On May 30<sup>th</sup>, Kay Gage acknowledged that the motion passed with a majority.