

**Friends of the Town & Country Public Library
Minutes May 18, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 with a welcome by Joan Hansen

Roll Call by Pat Schuberg – Secretary. The following directors were present: Bill Grabarek, Robert Harford, Joan Hansen and Pat Schuberg.

Directors absent included Lori Crimmins and Tania Miller. Other attendees included Matt Miller and Library Director Glenn Kahmann.

Approval of Minutes – March 16, 2017. Motion made by Robert Harford, second by Bill Grabarek. Approved with unanimous vote.

Treasurer’s Report – Bill Grabarek. Bill reported the checkbook balance at the time of the meeting \$5,765.32. An additional check was submitted before the meeting. This balance includes flower sales well over \$3,000. Bill recommended we determined an amount to donate to the library during the meeting. The next Friends meeting in September will include a full financial report. Robert Harford moved to approve the treasurer’s report, Joan Hansen seconded the motion. The report was approved by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports and Comments

Membership – Robert Harford

Robert reported he did not receive feedback on the lapsed membership list he presented last month. During the September membership meeting we will need to renew the 36 members on the current roster.

Hospitality – Joan

Joan reported the coffee bar continues to be a popular, social gathering with a regular group attending.

Publicity - Joan

Joan reported the plant sale was featured in both the Daily Herald and Elburn Herald. Plant sale flyers were also added to Paisano’s pizza boxes, posted to bulletin boards in various businesses and social media. Future publicity can be added to the new Library Line Program Guide, which is published three times per year.

Fundraising: - Joan

The plant was another successful event! 132 dozen plants and 43 baskets were sold. Joan suggested a donation of \$2,500 to the library for their summer programming.

Special thanks to Tania and Matt Miller’s family for their tremendous amount of help in set up and take down. Robert Harford continues as a very valuable cashier. Jack Hansen was hard at work selling raffle tickets. Below are the final sale amounts and winners of the raffle prizes:

Proceeds:

Flowers: \$3,097.30
Raffle: \$ 211.00

Garden Raffle – Winners:

Garden cart: Sandy Robinson
Artwork by Val Pieroni: Dave Burroughs

Miscellaneous:

There are minimal amount of additional expenses coming up. These include 2018 Calendars provided to shut in library patrons (\$90) and supplies for the Gingerbread house event in December (estimated at \$500). A motion was made to donate \$2500 to the library by Joan Hansen, seconded by Robert Harford. Motion passed with unanimous approval.

Library Director/Staff –

Glenn reported the Kickoff Event for Summer Reading will be held on June 2nd from 5:00-10:00. This will include a movie at 8:00. Glenn offered for the Friends group to be present to promote membership. The closing Summer Reading event will be August 11th beginning at 5:00 and will include yard games, etc.

Glenn was asked how many library cardholders there are and if we can promote the Friends group to them. The website is under redesign. The library is in an ongoing strategic planning process.

The Library will soon work with either Better World Books or another similar vendor for excess books. Glenn asked what books the Friends group wants for the book nook.

Annual Volunteer Breakfast will be June 4th from 10:00 to Noon. Please RSVP to Joan Hansen as soon as possible.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Annual Meeting September 14, 2017

Picture of check donation from the Friends Group to the Library was taken.

Adjournment—motion was made by Joan Hansen to adjourn at 7:45, Bill Grabarek seconded, approved by unanimous vote.