

Friends of the Town and Country Public Library

Minutes of September 14, 2017 meeting

Executive Vice President Joan Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

Attendance:

Directors in attendance: Bill Grabarek, Robert Harford, Joan Hansen, Pat Schuberg, and Lori Crimmins

Friends Members present: Matt Miller, Stephanie Butler, Sharon and Joe Kryszck

Library Director Glenn Kahmann

Motion to approve minutes by Robert Harford and seconded by Bill Grabarek. All present approved minutes.

Treasurer, Bill Grabarek: Presented report on checking account balance. As of September 8, 2017 the checking account balance was \$3,868.94. He continued and presented a detailed Treasurer's report. Joan asked for a motion to approved report. Pat Schuberg moved to approve, Joan seconded, all present approved.

Committee reports:

Membership:

Robert Harford has identified an issue with how members are reminded it is time to renew their membership. In fact, 2/3 of the members have email addresses. In the process of moving to Georgia, Robert and his wife became members of the local library. As a thank you, they received a postcard with a tear off membership card to the library friends group. This thank you also reminded them that the group is a 501c3 for tax deductions. In Georgia the membership fees ranged from \$10 for an individual, to \$15 for a family, \$25 for a Patron, and \$50 for a Sponsor. Robert suggested the friends utilize a postcard mail to remind members to renew and then follow up with a email reminder.

Discussion ensued about the purpose of the friends since membership is dwindling. As we promote the Friends of the Library group, we should emphasis supporting with a tax deduction. Members can leave Legacy gifts to the Friends group and Stephanie Butler will send suggested language to use on the website.

Concern was raised that perhaps the community doesn't know what the group is for or how it benefits the library. The suggestion was made for the Friends group to adopt/sponsor a program/outreach. Glenn and Amy will submit ideas from the Library staff to Joan for the Friends group to sponsor.

Another suggestion is to emphasis the membership at the plant sale since the Elburn Day's book sale has been discontinued.

Before the membership report was concluded, the Friends thanked Robert for his help with the website and presented him with a thank you and gift card.

Highlights of Annual Activities and Volunteer Opportunities:

Joan provided a recap of the purpose and activities of the group such as an open coffee bar on Saturdays, contribution of information to the Library Line newsletter, attending Library Board meetings, donating books to community outreach and holding fundraisers to promote literacy. In the past year, the group has donated a total of \$6,825.00 to library events and materials. There have been seven fundraisers held during the year including the Book Cart and Book Nook, Christmas Book Nook Specials, Plant Sale during Mother's Day, Raffle, Book Lover's Calendars and Historical Society note cards.

Plant Sale:

Joan Hansen reviewed the success of the plant sale. This event generated \$3,057.30 in plants, \$211.00 in the raffle for a grand total of \$3,268.30

Nomination and Election of Directors/Officers:

This year there are 5 terms expiring. Nominations were accepted and unanimously approved. For the coming year 17-18 the following positions will be held:

President: Matt Miller

Vice President: Joan Hansen

Treasurer: Bill Grabarek

Web Master: Robert Harford

Secretary: Pat Schuberg

Membership: Robert Harford

The following directors are elected to two year terms:

Matt Miller, Lori Crimmins, Robert Harford, Bill Grabarek and Joan Hansen. Pat Schuberg continues in an unexpired term.

From the Library Director: Glenn Kahmann

Glenn thanked the group for support of programs and summer reading. He alerted the members that the Dewy Dash would be replaced with a Family Trivia event. RAILSIDE CHARITIES is a 501c3 to serve and support other 501c3 groups. They will be taking over the Dewy Dash event.

A motion was made by Lori Crimmins to donate \$3,700 to the Library. Matt Miller seconded this motion and all present approved unanimously.

Next meeting will be held March 15, 2018.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:23 by Joan Hansen, seconded by Lori Crimmins. All approved.