

## Friends of the Town and Country Public Library

### Minutes of March 15, 2018 meeting

Executive Vice President Joan Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm

#### **Attendance:**

Directors in attendance: Matt Miller, Bill Grabarek, Joan Hansen, and Pat Schuberg, Friends Members present: Stephanie Butler

**Motion to approve minutes** by Joan Hansen and seconded by Matt Miller. All present approved minutes.

**Treasurer, Bill Grabarek:** Presented report on checking account balance. As of March 15, 2018 the checking account balance was \$2,009.11. Upcoming expenses include deposit on plants for the upcoming plant sale. Book Nook continues to bring in revenue. Our prices are affordable—Hardcover books \$1.00, Trade/regular Paperbacks, \$.50 while large Paperbacks are \$1.00. Children's books are \$.50 and paperbacks are \$.25. We also sell DVD and Audio books for \$1.00 each

#### **Committee reports:**

**Membership:** No report

#### **Highlights of Annual Activities and Volunteer Opportunities:**

Joan provided a recap on the Saturday open coffee bar. Although this hospitality group continues to average \$10/week, attendance is shrinking. Many of the past attendees have moved. She will continue to host the coffee bar but will watch over the summer for attendance before determining if this is continued or not.

#### **Publicity:**

Publicity will focus on the upcoming plant sale. Joan will submit information to the local paper; provide flyers to local Pizza restaurants who include the information on their pizza boxes. The Chamber will also include the Plant Sale in an email blast. The local Banks have been willing to post a flyer in the drive thru. As a group we will help to spread the word through Facebook groups and outreach.

#### **Plant Sale:**

Plant sale begins online April 2<sup>nd</sup> after Easter and the local spring breaks. Postcards to past customers will be mailed on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The actual plant sale will be May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, with setting up on Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup>. The Greenhouse has increased prices slightly. As a group it was decided to pass along the increase on hanging baskets. These will now be \$25 each. Hurricane Irma has affected plant varieties and some varieties will not be available this year. Joan anticipates ordering 150 dozen assorted plants.

There will be a Garden Cart raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 each and the drawing is at noon, Saturday. Joan has a Brookstone Garden Tool set which will be included along with other garden theme items, books and children's garden tools.

**Other Friends of the Library Outreach:**

- Book Lover's Page-A-Day Calendars. The publisher of the calendars has discontinued the product. We will need to look for an alternative source to continue to provide these to shut-in Library patrons.
- Gingerbread House event: The Friends group will continue to donate supplies to this group. This past December it was \$125.00
- Fox Valley Literacy Trivia Bee: The Library staff has decided not to enter the event this year. In previous years, the Friends Group paid a sponsorship of \$400.
- Dewey Dash: The Dewey Dash has been discontinued. Previously, the Friends group donated \$300.00 each year.

**From the Library Staff:**

A new Organizational Chart has been created. There are several staffing changes including ongoing interviews for a Library Director replacement. Plans are in place for summer reading. The Library treasurers report shows the Library is now debt free!

**Old or New business: nothing further was reported**

**Next meeting will be held May 17, 2018.**

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

Minutes respectfully submitted, Pat Schuberg Secretary of the Board