

Friends of the Town and Country Public Library

Minutes of Sept 13, 2018 meeting

Executive Vice President Joan Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

Attendance:

Matt Miller, President, Joan Hansen, Vice President, Bill Grabarek, Treasurer, Pat Schuberg, Secretary, Dwayne Nelson, Interim Library Director.

Absent Directors in attendance: Robert Harford., Lori Crimmins

Motion to approve minutes by Joan Hansen, seconded by Bill Grabarek. All present approved the minutes.

Treasurer: Bill Grabarek:

As of the meeting date, September 17th, the checking account balance is \$4,127.62. Revenue has been received from the Book Nook in the amount of \$51.00 per week. Net revenue after expenses from the Plant sale in May 2018 was \$2,815.60. Various other fundraisers such as the coffee bar, raffle, memberships etc contributed \$1,004.83. During the membership year the Friends group donated \$6,741.83 to the Library. These funds were used in the Gingerbread House event and Summer Reading program.

Motion was made by Matt Miller and seconded by Joan Hansen to donate \$3,500 to the library. All present approved the motion.

It was noted the Friends revenue is not as high as previous years due to the Elburn Days book sale cancellation, changing demographics contributing to a lower membership, Christmas Stroll Friends involvement.

Membership: (no Membership chair has been appointed)

The Friends of the Library membership roster is 54 members. Current membership fee is \$5.00 for seniors.

Annual Activities and Volunteer:

During the membership year, the Friends group provides books to many causes such as WIC an Oklahoma Prison, etc. Some of these activities charge a nominal price for a book (such \$.25) We are holding on the price with no changes. The focus of these outreach activities is to increase literacy—getting more people to read.

Future activities of the Friends may include the Historical Commission which will be a cooperation between the Library, Village of Elburn, Kane County Historical Commission as well as the Townships.

Nomination and Elections of Directors and Officers:

All sitting directors whose terms are expiring will be extended one more year. Officers are re-elected for an additional year.

Library Staff: Dwayne Nelson (Interim Director)

315 E. Shannon St: Duane shared the purchase and vision of the property will be a centralized Genealogy House. This will be a central location that will house the historical documents from the library, as well as place patrons can utilize for research. Currently, the house is being repainted inside and out and a new sidewalk will be created between the library and the house. New metal cabinets are needed to protect documents.

Roving Reference:

Duane shared a new cart he is using in the library. This cart holds a computer and can rove around the library to assist patrons. The cart was purchased from funds donated by the Friends of the Library group.

Closing and next meeting dates:

The Friends of the Library reaffirmed the goal to promote community outreach and literacy. Next meeting dates in 2019 will be May 16, and September 12.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:05 by Joan Hansen, seconded by Bill Grabarek. All approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Pat Schuberg Secretary of the Board