

## **Friends of the Town and Country Public Library**

### **Minutes of May 16, 2019 meeting**

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

#### **Attendance:**

Joan Hansen, Vice President, Bill Grabarek, Treasurer, Pat Schuberg, Secretary, Emily Hoffman Library Director.

Absent Directors in attendance: Robert Harford. Lori Crimmins, Matt Miller

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

#### **Treasurer: Bill Grabarek:**

As of the meeting date, May 16<sup>th</sup>, the checking account balance is \$5,913.52. Revenue has been received from the Christmas Book Nook in the amount of \$905.50. Net revenue after expenses from the Plant sale in May 2019 was \$3,862.40. This amount includes the Spring Garden Raffle, which contributed \$325.00. This year had a slight increase in prices to 3 plants for \$12.00. This passed along the price increases from G&E who supplies the flowers.

Motion was made by Pat Schuberg and seconded by Bill Grabarek to donate \$4,000 to the library. All present approved the motion.

#### **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. The membership roster has fallen. Without a book sale there is less of an opportunity for members to gather. The FOL is not as visible.

We reviewed the purpose of the FOL group. The Friends is a 501c3 and has the ability to apply for grants that the library could not otherwise participate. The original mission was to assist with the Library referendum passing. The group was instrumental in going door to door to raise awareness. This core purpose was to help develop the current building and purchase of the land. As a outgrowth of the Friends group, other groups have launched such as the Historical & Preservation committee and a Bridge card group..

#### **Publicity:**

We are pleased to work with social media to promote events such as the most recent plant sale. The local Pizza restaurants have been helpful in distributing flyers. Signs along North St. helped promote and identify the plant sale event. Brochures are available at the library counter and an article is included in the Town & Country Library program guide.

**Fundraising:**

Recent donations have provided a rug, the Roving Reference cart for the library. The FOL will donate to the December Gingerbread Workshop, outreach gift to homebound patrons during Christmas as well as the Fox Valley Trivia Bee.

This year's Plant sale was the most successful! We sold 125.5 dozen plants as well as 48 hanging baskets. The slight price increase did not impact the sale.

**Library Staff: Emily Hoffman**

Joan welcomed Emily as the new Director. Emily shared her desire to meet with the group for questions and brainstorming. She will be attending the upcoming Library Directors conference and will keep an eye and ear open for news on other Friends group activities, what they charge, and how they manage membership duties.

**Closing and next meeting dates:**

The Friends of the Library reaffirmed the goal to promote community outreach and literacy. Next meeting date will be September 12 for the Annual Membership Meeting.

Motion made to adjourn at 7:48 by Joan Hansen, seconded by Bill Grabarek. All approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Pat Schuberg Secretary of the Board