Friends meeting minutes

Location: Webb Shadle Memorial Library

Date: June 15th, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm

Attendees: JoEllen Glick, Jen Latch, Vicki Refshaw, Jackie Crone, Shiela Stephens, Susan Phillips, Willa Heaberlin, Sarah Jurgens

Key topics

1. Grants:

* Prairie Meadows: Application s**ubmitted**. Asking for $28,500, approximately 2/3 of total bid from Rawson Mechanical ($42,850), for heat/AC replacement. We have almost $10k set aside now, leaving around $4300 left to raise if we get this grant. We should know results by first of October.
* Marion County Community Foundation: We **received** $4000 to put toward books and programming! VicKi to pick up check and have photo taken 6/16
* City of Pleasantville: Application **submitted. As**king for $4300, the rest of what’s needed for the heat/AC replacement.
* JMP (Jasper, Marion, Poweshiek counties) ECI (Early Childhood Iowa)“seeking to invest in widely available early literacy supports for children and families under 5.”: Application submitted. Asking for $750 for approximately 60 new picture/board books.
* Doris Rowley with United Way told JoEllen that we should apply for a grant with them. Our next opportunity will be February 2022.
* Rolscreen Foundation grant applications generally due in December

1. Grant request considerations:

* New heat/AC
* New window treatments for main library
* New folding chairs for the East room
* ADA compliant water fountain
* Books and Programs

1. Donations:

* Over $40 from Amazon Smile so far in 2021. Anyone shopping on Amazon can easily shop on Amazon Smile and select Friends of Webb Shadle Library to have Amazon automatically donate a small percentage with every purchase. It is the exact same format as the regular Amazon site, fyi.

1. Treasurer’s Report: $13,503.29 of which $10,000 set aside for heat/AC replacement.
2. Completed projects:

* Updated signage/documents: Shiela retyped the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation for our organization to be updated with “Public.” Friends letterhead has been updated. Social media: Both the library’s and the Friends’ Facebook page names and the library’s website have been updated. The bid from Chestnut signs to redo the exterior sign was $2953.20. We decided to table this until we’ve achieved our bigger goal of replacing the AC/heat.
* Board/Archival Room: New curtains installed. Historic pictures hung.
* Jackie revitalized an old album of Jayceette pictures that had fallen into disrepair. It is kept on the Pleasantville shelf in the Archival area of the Board Room for those interested in viewing it.
* Historical Library Architecture Artwork Framed: 1)Exterior architectural rendering of the library in 1974. 2) Interior rendering of the library in 1974. 3)The carpet fundraiser sign will not be professionally framed due to cost, however it will be manually framed next to the bulletin board in the near future.

1. Approved projects in the works:

* Cleaning list and cleaning tools/products specifically for those reserving the East Room.

1. Re-dedication Celebration/Open House on June 23, 2021. Pastor Don Naftz to give invocation. Julie Cowden to emcee. Lucas Trainer, Jr/Sr. High band instructor, to play “Sunny Side of the Street.” Lisa Furnal to lead Dedicatory Response. Memorial fund Trustee Ron Danks to symbolically hand over key to Mayor Steve Marsh. Other speakers: Tony Aylsworth (school superintendent), Maryann Mori (State Library of IA Consultant), Jennifer Latch (library patron/volunteer), JoEllen Glick (librarian)

To do:

* Cookies – 8 dozen. Sam’s Club (Julie)
* Water -100 botteles – Sam’s Club (Julie)
* Large can asst. nuts – Sam’s Club (Julie)
* Red and White Plates/Napkins/Cups – Sam’s Club (Julie)
* Mints – white books (Willa) – red roses (Jackie)
* Punch - (Vicki)
* Microphone and sound system delivered. Need to set up on day of event. (Lucas????)
* Print paper program and fold -100 (Shiela)
* Advertise - flyers, KNIA, Facebook, library website (JoEllen) – Friends FB page (Jen)
* Set up computers to slide shows of library history from archives page on library website. (Jen/JoEllen)
* Special invitations to Larry Conn and Phil Meyers (JoEllen)
* Rededication Plaque/Key – assemble (Jen)
* Set up chairs day of event. (All)

**Meet at 5:30pm on Wednesday, June 23rd to set up for the program!**

1. Pleasantville Betterment Organization plans to put on 4 Movies in the Park again this year. We will be one of the four organizations that will benefit from the proceeds of one of these nights. Our night will be Thursday, July 15th. We plan to make popcorn in the little league concession stand beforehand and pass it out. We would like to find out if we can sell glow-in-the-dark necklaces/wands as an extra fundraiser. JoEllen to come up with list of books for people to purchase and donate to the library for this event.
2. Shiela lives on one of the old Shadle farms. They recently finished a historical renovation of the barn. They have saved much of the barn board and offered for our organization to use it for a project upgrade or finish in the library. We were enthusiastic about the suggestion and will look for an artistic way to incorporate this piece of history into the library!
3. JoEllen reported that 55 children and 19 adults have signed up for the Summer Reading Program already!

1. Upcoming events:

* Art Camp with Mrs. Robinson set for weeks of June 14th and June 21st
* “Story Time” with PHS cheerleaders 6/26 @ 10:30
* “They Still Roam Among Us” by Blank Park Zoo (ages 10 and up) 7/10 @ 10:30
* Pleasantville Betterment presents Drive in Movie “Sing” with proceeds going to the Friends of the Library 7/15 @ 7pm (make/hand out popcorn, sell glow-in-the-dark trinkets)
* Illustrator Buck Jones gives presentation on illustrating and cartooning. 7/24 @ 10:30
* St. Paul Methodist Church hosts “Miniature Golf” 7/28 Time TBA
* Pet Show 8/7 @ 10:00
* Summer Reading Program ends: Turn in reading logs!
* “Story Time” with retired preschool teacher Carol Beir 8/23 @ 10am
* “Burgers and Beats” together with “Celeste’s Fall Craft Show:” a library fundraiser 9/18

\*Craft Show 10-3

\*Food served at 11:00

\*Ask Turnages if they would play 11-noon

\*Luke Farland from noon -2/3 (Fee is $200)

\*Ask Pleasantville Youth Initiative if they would want to collaborate on games \_Emily Caulkins will bring up at their next board meeting.

\*50/50 raffle

* Linda McCann discusses her book Prohibition in Eastern Iowa together with “Sips and Dips” by Marcy Roff 10/8 @ 6pm

**Our next meeting will be:**

**Tuesday, July 20th @ 7pm**