Friends meeting minutes

Location: Webb Shadle Memorial Library

Date: August 24th, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm

Attendees: JoEllen Glick, Julie Cowden, Jen Latch, Vicki Refshaw, Shiela Stephens, Susan Phillips

Key topics

1. Grants:

* Prairie Meadows: PENDING. Application s**ubmitted**. Asking for $28,500, approximately 2/3 of total bid from Rawson Mechanical ($42,850), for heat/AC replacement. We should know results by first of October.
* City of Pleasantville: RECEIVED $4300, the rest of what’s needed for the heat/AC replacement!
* 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
* Should keep Weiler in mind if Prairie Meadows doesn’t fund heat/AC replacement. They are very pro-library.

1. Grant request considerations:
2. New heat/AC
3. New folding chairs for the East room (same quantity, with vinyl padded seat—preliminary search looks like +- $25 ea)
4. New window treatments for main library
5. ADA compliant water fountain
6. Speaker/microphone
7. Books and Programs
8. Donations:

* No new to report

1. Other income:

* No new to report

1. Treasurer’s Report: Last month’s balance was errantly reported. The balance now stands at $29,464.15 of which $14,300 is set aside for heat/AC replacement and $1500 for exterior sign update. After these and other earmarks for books and programs are accounted for, the usuable balance comes to $9603.28. We will continue to reserve that for heat/AC replacement in case Prairie Meadow does not deliver on the grant request.
2. New books: JoEllen purchased 7 books in Tenley Furnal’s name—the girl who had a lemonade stand with proceeds of $65 going to the library. She also purchased 88 children’s books targeted to 0-5 year olds with the JMP grant money.
3. Completed projects:
   * No new to report
4. Projects in the works:

* Chestnut Signs helped us tweak the “sun over the book” logo so that the book has more definition-more clear that it’s a book. They will use this tweaked version on the exterior sign section replacement. They will get us a digital package of this logo in jpg, eps, etc. files. For the record, the font we use for our logo is “Willow.” We have paid the 50% deposit and expect installation in 8-10 weeks.
* Still working on our name change-paperwork in, waiting on approval from both state and IRS authorities. Then we can get bank account updated. Banner needs ordered now that logo is finalized.
* JoEllen is working on new library cards. Carol Beier offered to do all the cutting.
* The city council narrowly passed the option to put the library levy on the ballot this fall. We need to get 40 signatures from voters within the city limits of Pleasantville by September 14th in order to get it on the ballot. If passed this levy would provide $0.27 per $1000 assessed property value. For the average home value in Pleasantville of $150,000 this would amount to approximately $40/year. This would bring in almost $15,000 towards the library which is the amount we are short compared to years the library was run under the trust.

1. Events Report: (some events were not attended as well as hoped—partially to blame=Covid fears, Church Construction/parking issues)
   * Buck Jones, Illustrator was a fun and interesting event but not well attended. (10 participants)
   * Mini Golf was well attended. Pop Up Games brought set up the golf holes for $60, four members of the Methodist Church helped run the event with three? Friends volunteers. (25 participants)
   * The Pet Show had a great turn out. Would be nice to have a good quality speaker/mic set up as it’s hard to hear the kids. (51 attendees)
   * The Summer Reading Program had 91 children/teens/adults participate. Miss Katie Hayes won the tablet sponsored by Peoples Bank. JoEllen will have participants turn in logs one week prior to the pet show next year, so she will have a more accurate count of reward bags she needs to ready. Note: Casey’s has a 50 quantity limit on coupons for free items.
   * Story Time with Carol Beier brought in a decent group for a reading of The Gruffalo and some fun crafts. (14 attendees)

1. Burgers and Beats prep:

* Need to coordinate event flyer with Celeste. (Jo)
* Ask Pop Up Games to run yard games-not mini golf. Hoping for somewhere in the $75 range (Jo)
* Pick up 150 burgers and buns from Knoxville Hyvee (contact:John) Saturday morning (Jen)
* Call Eric to see if he can handle the grilling (Julie)
* Pick up 150 bags of chips, 5 cases of water, Ketchup, mustard, pickles, napkins, plates, twist tie bags? from Sam’s (Julie)
* Coolers/Ice (Julie)
* Ask local churches to donate 8 dozen bars/cookies each by 5pm on Friday 9/17. (Jo, Susan)
* Order banner (Jen)
* Canopy/Shade Sail for entertainers (Jo/Shiela)
* Canopy for Friends table: (Jen)
* Set up Teepee????

1. Upcoming events:

* Mahjongg and Book Club to start up again
* Phoebe the Reading Dog to start visiting again on 3rd Saturdays @ 9:30am
* Youth group meeting weekly on Wednesday nights @ 7pm in East Room
* “Burgers and Beats” together with “Celeste’s Fall Craft Show:” a library fundraiser 9/18 10am-3pm

\*Craft Show 10-3

\*Food served at 11:00 $3/meal (burger, chips, cookie, water)

\*Turnages if they would play 11-noon

\*Luke Farland from 12-2/3

\*Pop up Games: Yard Games

\*Friends Table (will Jackie C. help run?)

* + sell water for $1 and cookies for .50
  + 50/50 tickets ($1ea or 6 for $5)
  + Bookmarks showing upcoming event
  + Donation bucket

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* Linda McCann discusses her book Prohibition in Eastern Iowa together with “Sips and Dips” by Marcy Roff 10/8 @ 6pm
* Pumpkin Painting 10/16
* Library table handing out treats for Halloween on the town square - Beggar’s Night, date and time tba
* Set up Christmas Tree 11/27 @ 9am
* Festival of Tables and Trees(Ask Ashley Robinson to head? Coordinate flyer with Tour of Homes?)

**Our next meeting will be:**

**Thursday, September 16th @ 7pm**

**(please note that this is a different day than normal months)**