Friends meeting minutes

Location: Webb Shadle Public Library

Date: February 15th, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm

Attendees: JoEllen Glick, Jen Latch, Vicki Refshaw, Jackie Crone, Sarah Jurgens, Susan Phillips

Key topics

1. Grants:

* Prairie Meadows: Grant submitted for heat/AC project again. Will know decision by July 1, 2022. (Vicki)
* Dollar General: Looking into 2 grants. One due Feb. 17 (UPDATE: this grant required a literacy education component that we aren’t prepared to pursue at this point.) (JoEllen, Julie) Second grant due in March. Details need researched. Hoping it might fund nonfiction books. (Sue)
* Doris Rowley with United Way told JoEllen that we should apply for a grant with them. Our next opportunity will be February 2022. (Jen will reach out to her.)

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. PA system
7. Books and Programs
8. Donations:

* Donation box yielded $92

1. Other income:

* no new to report

1. Treasurer’s Report: The balance now stands at $28,367.35 of which $14,300 is set aside for heat/AC replacement and $1073.61 for books. After these are accounted for, the usable balance comes to $12,993.74
2. Completed projects:
   * no new
3. Projects in the works:

* The t-shirt design was finalized at Ramaekers. We voted to accept it and order 60 pieces in the 50/50 soft touch fabric in the following numbers. Small (5), Medium (15), Large (20), XL (15), 2XL (4), 3XL (1). Small -XL is $11.50 each. 2XL is 14.50. 3XL is 16.50. Initial calculations come to $707 investment. We should have these to sell by the March 19 craft sale. We will sell them for $20. After that event, Ramaekers will keep the screen for 2 weeks and we will have one chance within those 2 weeks to reorder any number of shirts for the same prices. (Jen)
* Initial investigations into water fountains resulted in a $2500 pricetag for a recessed unit in the restroom hall. (The recessed criteria is necessary to leave enough handicap accessibility clearance in the hallway.) We need to further research handicap accessibility requirements/standards for public libraries as the recessed unit itself would not meet handicap accessibility criteria. (Jen)
* Still no bites on the 2 vintage office chairs listed on Facebook Marketplace. Will investigate other avenues for selling vintage furniture. (Jen)
* Suggested that JoEllen list the cardboard boxes on her library specific online marketplace through the State Library of Iowa, as the boxes fit books perfectly. Suggesting starting at $150, but open to her feeling on pricing.

1. We again tabled voting for 2022 officers until our April meeting.
2. Event news and reports:

* Monday morning story times have been very successful of late. JoEllen reported 14 at the last one.
* Celeste Hudspeth will put on another craft show benefiting the library this spring, March 19th from 10-3 at the Memorial Hall. Library will have bake sale table. Recommended to request specific baked items. Pans of bars went well last time. Also, small snack bags, pie. Goods should be dropped off at the library during library hours the day before or at the Memorial Hall on that Saturday from 9am-10am. We should have our t-shirts by then to both wear and sell. Will come up with list on Sign Up Genius for baked goods and work shifts and put out to Friends.

Here is the Sign Up Genius link. Just copy and paste into your browser to sign up for work or goodie slots. (Alternatively, just email Jen Latch!) https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A45A5A92CA6FD0-friends

* JoEllen is planning a March Lego Madness Fundraiser for March. Participants would bring in their already constructed lego build to display at the library between 3/1 and 3/21. People will be able to “vote” for their favorite by loose change donation, and largest donation would take home a $50 Target gift certificate to use towards more legos (donated by Fusts). “Votes” will be tabulated on 4/1.
* The library will provide space for a limited amount of participants in the City Wide Garage Sale in June. East Room space will be provided for first requests and others may set up on the lawn/back patio, weather permitting. All items will need to leave the premises after garage sale hours each day. No storing of items at the library. Still waiting to hear dates from the city.
* The Pig Out committee has asked if our group is interested in running Bingo on June 4th from 4-6pm. They thought it could be a fundraiser for us. They have a list of donors that we could tap for prizes. We will need to see if there’s interest from Friends. JoEllen will be out of town that day.
* Ashley Robinson, Elementary Art teacher, will be holding her Art Camp at the school this year, not the library.
* JoEllen will look into the Science Center coming this summer to present a program.

1. Calendar of events (upcoming):

* Mahjongg and Book Club meeting as scheduled
* Phoebe the Reading Dog on 3rd Saturdays @ 9:30am
* Youth group meeting weekly on Wednesday @ 7pm in East Room. All youth 6th - 12th grades welcome.
* Bingo! **2/18** @ 10:30am UPDATE: Great turn out!
* March Lego Madness Fundraiser: **3/1-3/21**entries. 4/1 votes tabulated
* Celeste’s Spring Craft Show: Benefitting the library! Held at the Memorial Hall **3/19** from 10am-3pm. Friends of the Library Bake Sale
* Summer Reading Program kickoff: **5/25** (last day of school)
* Blank Park Zoo “Explore Beyond the Beaten Path”: **6/11** 10:30am
* Pop Up Games/Methodist Church ladies: Miniature Golf **7/20** evening
* Pet Show: **7/30**
* Story Time With Pville teacher/retiree: August date tba

**Our next meeting will be:**

**Tuesday, April 19th @ 7pm**