Friends meeting minutes

Location: Webb Shadle Memorial Library

Date: May 18th, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm

Attendees: JoEllen Glick, Julie Cowden, Jen Latch, Vicki Refshaw, Jackie Crone, Shiela Stephens, Susan Phillips, Pam Swiatkiewicz

Key topics

1. Grants:

* Prairie Meadows **submitted**. 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!
* City of Pleasantville: **Need to apply**. Will ask 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.” Up to $750. Grant application needs to be in by June 7th. Would like to ask for $750 for approximately 60 new picture/board books. **Need to apply**.
* 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:

* $1015 from Celeste Hudspeth (vendor fees from Spring Craft Show)
* $50 from Scott Prill, author of Into the Realm of Time and From the Realm of Time. Both books available at the library and soon to be updated with newest additions by the author.

1. Treasurer’s Report: No official report
2. Completed projects:

* Updated lighting, new and replacements: Many thanks to Gordon Mecham and Julie for helping attain this long awaited goal!
* Board Room: JoEllen’s office moved to room behind circulation desk. Purchased and installed board table and chairs ($750), organized and cleaned out shelving, moved archival books/items to this room. Considering different curtains. Touched up paint.
* Susan Tinder planted flowers in our front door flanking containers. Maureen Schletzbaum donated the flowers again this year. Thanks to both of you ladies for helping make the library beautiful!

1. Approved projects in the works:

* Continued cleaning and organizing to get in best shape for Rededication Program/Open House on June 23rd.
* Update signage/documents to Webb Shadle ***Public*** Library (exterior sign, letterhead, website, social media) Shiela will retype the Friends bylaws, replacing “Memorial” with “Public” so that we can legally update our organization’s name. JoEllen in contact with Chestnut signs for estimate on replacement piece for exterior sign.
* Frame three pieces of art/signs. 1)Exterior architectural rendering of the library in 1974. 2) Interior rendering of the library in 1974. 3)The carpet fundraiser sign.

1. City’s “official” take over of the library will be July 1. Need to discuss how Jo will be able to make internet purchases (books, etc.) Needs debit card?
2. 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 special musical selection. 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). To do:

* “Book” cookies (from Emily Caulkins?)
* Punch/water
* Microphone (from Trainer?)
* Advertise (paper, KNIA)
* Create paper program
* Photos, informationals (historical, upgrades) posted around library?
* Plaque/Key

1. The Pleasantville Schools music programs/directors had their only concert night of the year on May 11th on the patio behind the library. Spectators brought their own lawn chairs and blankets. It was considered a huge success. Advice for next year: move chairs out to accessible area for unloading (kitchenette floor was scratched due to students moving shelving to get to chairs), close off main library when concert starts, but leave bathrooms accessible (a few kids were running around/playing hide and seek during concert), move snack table farther away from patio (a bit distracting being so close, and people not wanting to access and disrupt). We hope the library lawn gets to be known as a great place for musical shows!
2. Brian Wysong has offered to make a proper cover for the remainder of the old card catalog, giving it a new life as a display table. (One part was made into the library’s sitting area coffee table.)
3. 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.
4. Pam suggested hosting a soup cook-off contest this fall as a fundraiser. Could include cinnamon roll contest too.

1. Upcoming events: (Bookmark schedules going out to elementary kids on Monday, 5/24)

* Summer Reading Program kick off on 5/26
* “Colorful Creatures” by Blank Park Zoo 6/12 @ 10:30
* 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
* Illustrator Buck Jones gives presentation on illustrating and cartooning. Date TBA
* 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
* “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

\*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, June 15th @ 7pm**