

FRIENDS OF THE SALEM LIBRARY

MINUTES – JULY 12, 2011

The July 12, 2011, meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the Vice-president Ken Sosnowski. Fifteen members were present.

The Secretary's minutes for the March and May meetings were approved with corrections to the May minutes.

The Treasurer's report included \$1560.43 in checking, a \$10,000 CD from Stellar One, \$5688.43 in savings, and an ending balance of \$17,248.86. She noted that the savings amount had not been adjusted for the current amount.

Old Business

Several members had attended the Held on the Home Front Exhibit we cosponsored and found it worthwhile. Charlie Draper mentioned that there is a building on Florida Street left from the Salem prisoner of war camp.

A sofa was purchased for the workroom for \$470.00. However Library funds were used rather than the funds authorized by the May meeting of the Friends. This change happened due to lack of the Friends tax number when the purchase was made.

Charlie Draper reported on his investigation of name tags. Tags that are generic rather than name specific should not be very expensive. The matter was tabled until the October meeting. Margaret Heurtematte offered to do something temporary if it was deemed necessary for the sale.

The Art Show in May was very well attended and a quality show. For future reference a refreshment suggestion was made to buy more junk food.

Roanoke Valley Reads will be held in November 2011. Discussion of this event had been tabled at the May meeting when it was referred to as a big read event in the discussion. A group from the Roanoke County Friends is organizing the event rather than the Friends of the Roanoke County Library. Outcasts Unlimited was selected due to lack of interest in the national options. The book is a nonfiction selection about refugees playing sports. Janis was involved in the selection. We were asked for \$750.00 but were told most groups were giving less than requested. Janis Augustine moved we appropriate \$250.00 for the program and Sara Ahalt seconded the motion. After a discussion about the value of our support and concerns over the lack of follow up information after the Big Read, Linda Ewen offered an amendment asking for a financial statement on the level of support and the constituencies providing support for this Valley Reads Event. The amendment was seconded and passed. Then the motion including the amendment was passed.

New Business

We do still have a tax number. As treasurer Joyce is now required to file an E post card form each year even though our level of funds remains under the limit set by the IRS.

Charlie Draper and Sara Ahalt met with Leslie Hughes who handles the computer and other related work for the Labels for Education program. There is a bonus incentive program using your Kroger card. Registration information will be provided in the news-letter. Please remember that these are bonus points and do not replace turning in labels.

Sara Ahalt went over the schedule for starting work on book sale set up. She will send out letters in late July. David Butler has a crew to move books into the meeting room. Please encourage people to donate books after the beginning of August. Ken commented on new ways to take credit cards. The general feeling was that they are still too much trouble for a brief event and that not taking them has not hampered sales in the past. Janis commented that she hoped that the gentleman who has been responsible for not only picking up but also paying us for leftover books will continue to be able to do so.

Ann Benson, a long time active member of the Friends has died. Helen Robertson moved we spend up to \$25.00 to place a book in her memory in the Library. Alice Paine seconded. Antiques and decorative arts were suggested topics. The motion passed.

Charlie Draper set a deadline of August 22 for articles for the newsletter. Charlie prefers E Mail with attachment for pictures for submissions. These need to be compatible with his system. Possible topics were listed.

Janis reported on the beginning of the Library's E Books option. Over 300 were checked out in June which was the first month.

There will be a luncheon for the Friends and for Salem Library volunteers. Charlie Draper moved that we allocate up to \$300.00 to help with this event. Linda Ewan seconded. The motion passed.

Ken reported that he and Janis had attended a training session for Friends groups on June 1. Topics such as public relations, fund raising, and marketing your group were covered. Parts were helpful while other parts were obviously aimed at much larger and more affluent groups.

The next meeting will be in October unless a called meeting is needed for the book sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary