

FRIENDS OF THE SALEM LIBRARY

MINUTES – MARCH 11, 2012

The March 11, 2012, meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the president, Ken Sosnowski. 13 members were in attendance.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer reported a checking balance of \$7692.03, savings balance of \$5715.20 plus any additional interest since last noted, and a \$10,000 CD to mature in 2013. The Friends received \$175.00 in rack rental. The check for the legislative liaison has been sent. The replacement Wii for David Butler's program has been purchased for just under \$150.00. Joyce also stated that dues are tax deductible in response to a question and explained the 501C3 filing referenced in the January minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

The president asked if a label deadline had been met which it was.

Janis Augustine provided an update on Roanoke Valley Reads. About 3500 attended events. There are plans to make the soccer match an annual event. Local refugees hosted visiting players and local churches provided meals. Hollins University and Virginia Western were involved in the program. 1364 secondary students from 3 private and 5 public schools read Outcasts United. Beth Lutjen, director of the Refugee and Immigration Program, reported volunteers, requests for speakers, and toy donations for their Christmas program indicated an increased awareness due to the program. Roanoke Valley Reads received in-kind donations and received funds from Friends groups in Roanoke, Roanoke County, and Botetourt County as well as Salem's.

NEW BUSINESS

Maureen Harrill requested support for the 2012 Summer Reading Program – Dream Big, READ. She gave background and information on the history of the program, the city's part in the funding and on participation by children, parents, and teens who work with the program.

She asked for help in funding one or more of the following programs:

1. Haredini's Dreamtime Magic – cost - \$500.00
2. Amazing Birds – cost - \$450.00
3. Little Critters Petting Zoo – cost - \$200.00 for 2 hours

Helen Robertson moved we fund all three programs for a total of \$1150.00. Sara Ahalt seconded the motion which was passed.

Margaret Heurtematte suggested we do something for Friends visibility at these programs.

Ken Sosnowski and Charlie Draper brought up an item from the Roanoke Times about the Salem Library's opening 75 years ago. There was a discussion of using this anniversary as an opportunity. There was a motion to allot up to \$500.00 for a celebration banner to be placed outside the library. Pat Draper seconded the motion which was passed.

Margaret Heurtematte suggested a bulletin board or display depending on the availability of materials and volunteered to take charge. She will check with Marcia Kelly for scrapbook materials, Janis will check for materials in the library, and Sara will check with Pam Ogden whose mother was once librarian.

We were given a description of an astronomy program being planned by David Butler for April 5. The program is in conjunction with the Astronomy Club and is a program for people of any age.

Janis Augustine confirmed plans for the May student art show. Joyce Foster moved we allot up to \$250.00 for refreshments. The motion was seconded and passed.

Margaret Heurtematte suggested we be sure the Friends sponsorship has visibility and have membership forms available.

Janis reported that the library is looking into a printer management system which will include color printing and tell people their total printing in advance. The program would be put in after a coming change in the computer system. The Roanoke County Library already has such a system.

The system would come from LBM Office Solutions. Rent would be \$53.00 per month with a 90 day minimum. The fees charged should exceed the costs. Pat Draper moved that we fund the \$53.00 rent with a 1 year contract and an option to drop our role after 90 days on the assumption the library decides to go with this system. Helen Robertson seconded the motion. After discussion the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary