

FRIENDS OF THE SALEM LIBRARY

MINUTES – JANUARY 12, 2014

The January 12, 2014, meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by President Ken Sosnowski.

Twelve members were present.

The secretary read the minutes of the October 13, 2013 meeting which were approved as read.

The treasurer reported that we ended 2013 with more money than we started the year. We purchased a new CD for \$10,000.00 to replace the one that matured. \$549.78 in interest on the matured CD was deposited in the checking account. We netted about \$2,700.00 from the contract printer. The change making software expense has been paid off. We continue to pay a monthly fee and an overage fee related to the quantity printed. Our end of the year balances are as follows:

\$10,990.70 – Checking Account

\$10,000.00 – CD

\$ 5,752.19 – Savings Account

OLD BUSINESS

The microfiche reader has been installed and is being used.

The deadline for the newsletter is January 19 and it should be out about the end of the month. Articles should include the president's letter, an article from the treasurer, and an article from Maureen Harrell on the Lego Club which is a program for children K-5.

David Butler's presentation has been postponed until the next meeting.

Ken reminded the group about the next book sale and asked for advertising suggestions.

NEW BUSINESS

New business began with the election of officers and directors. Helen Robertson read the report of the nominating committee. Sara Ahalt moved and Maureen Harrell seconded we accept both slates. The following officers and directors were elected:

Officers – President – Charlie Draper

Vice-president – Ken Sosnowski

Secretary – Susan Ahalt

Treasurer – Joyce Foster

Directors -Sara Ahalt

Bob Paine

Helen Robertson

Betty Waldron

Ken Sosnowski (as outgoing president)

Janis Augustine requested we consider the purchase of a large, touch screen scanner which will work with the Library's reservation and printing systems and will be easy to use. A price of \$5,000.00 will be available January 31-March 31. Ongoing maintenance will come out of the library budget.

Maureen Harrell requested we consider funding the purchase of a new early learning computer. The older one which we funded previously has died. These computers are used by children as young as two and are heavily used. The new one will have touch screen technology. The cost should be about \$3,200.00.

Helen Robertson moved we fund both requests up to a total of \$8,500.00. Barbara Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Joyce mentioned she has heard from the bank that is taking over Steller One.

The art show has been confirmed with Salem City Schools for May 18.

Our next regular meeting will be held March 9 and will be followed by a meeting of the board of directors.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary