

## Minutes – Friends of the Salem Library - March 8, 2015

The March 8, 2015 meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the president, Charlie Draper.

Seventeen members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report included the following information: \$11,354.77 in checking, 4 CDs with one about to mature and one new, and \$1,750.77 in savings for a balance of \$29,105.54. Charlie mentioned our financial stability and complimented Treasurer Joyce Foster on her management.

Charlie announced that Alice Peters, a longtime member who had moved to Richmond, has died.

### OLD BUSINESS

The plaque that was authorized at the January meeting has been purchased. The best place to hang the picture is under consideration.

Because of weather issues the book drop we funded still needs to be installed.

Charlie explained the criteria for the books held over from the sale. He plans to have them listed on EBay soon.

One of the members in attendance talked about the value of some first edition science fiction.

Jane Wright asked about a wish list for donations for the library. Charlie tabled this issue and asked Ann Tripp to look into the idea.

### NEW BUSINESS

We expect to sponsor the Art Show on May 17. Sara Ahalt moved we allot up \$300.00 for food and invitations for the Art Show. Helen Robertson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ann Tripp talked about library programs and provided copies of a written report which will be filed with the minutes. A six week workshop is planned based on the book "The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up" by Marie Kondo. Carol Jenson, a professional organizer will speak. The group will be limited to 20 people. Books will cost \$10.00 through the library with a fee for participants who need the book. April 8 is the start date.

Maureen Harrell moved we allot \$200.00 for this workshop. Gail Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Maureen spoke on the Summer Reading Program which has a superheroes theme – “Every Hero Has A Story.” There will be outside programs brought in including a program from the Larson Lizard Farm in Bedford County which has been very popular. Maureen moved we authorize up to \$650.00 for two shows of the Lizard Program. The motion was seconded and passed.

David Butler described a summer program for teens using the same theme adapted for the age group, He plans to bring in Joe and Jess Palotas for an art project and needs materials. Helen Robertson moved we allot up to \$200.00 for this program. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ann and David are going to outreach programs at various places and want to have a small item to give out. The plan is for cups with logos of the Library and the Friends at a cost of \$ .50 per cup. Anne moved we allot \$175.00 for 250 cups and shipping. The motion was seconded and passed.

Several other items were mentioned by Ann including the Gingerbread Festival moving to the Library. Parks and Recreation will provide children’s activities at the festival and lawn games at other times during the year. She also mentioned meetings and a city survey on citizens’ wishes for downtown.

Sara Ahalt moved we authorize up to \$50.00 to place a book in the library in memory of Alice Peters and her contributions to the Friends of the Salem Library. The motion was seconded and passed.

Joyce Foster mentioned people designating the Friends for their tax refunds under state law. There was also a reference to a way to support the Friends through Amazon.

Charlie mentioned the Friends logo designed by Ann Tripp and city staff and encouraged members to attend the Art Show.

The next meeting of the Friends will be held on July 12 with the book sale a main focus.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary