

Minutes Friends of the Salem Library July 9, 2017

The July 9, 2017, meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the president, Ken Sosnowski.

Thirteen members were present.

The secretary read the minutes of the March meeting which were approved as read.

The treasurer reported that the Friends have \$19,523.27 in checking, \$1,754.41 in savings, \$16,000.00 in CDs, and \$10.20 in PENFED interest. Recent income came from dues and money from the contract printer. Recent expenses included over \$700.00 paid in storage fees as of the July meeting and money approved for Library requests such as Art Show expenses, the petting zoo, and other summer reading expenses.

We have received a report from the CPA who volunteered to perform an audit for the Friends. The gist of the report is that our financial records are in good order and conform to generally accepted accounting principles relating to such records. A copy of the report is filed in the secretary's records. The Friends are indebted to member Helen Robertson who found the CPA for us.

David Butler gave a report on the Summer Reading Program. As of July 9 nineteen teens had signed up for the Step into Mystery Night. Summer Reading participation numbers include 117 teens and 496 children. Over 500 attended the petting zoo. Participants have been enthusiastic about the challenges and the opportunities to vote for which groups should receive the donations. Community support for prizes for the participants has been good.

Ken reported that he and Joyce Foster participated in an event at the Salem Museum with local authors.

John Spruhan reported that there are 50 boxes of books from the Saint Paul's book sale being held for our sale.

David reported that the Seed Program has gone well and some seeds have already come back into the program.

The Art Show was a success.

Joyce Foster circulated cards for Helen Robertson and for Nancy Collins who retired.

OLD BUSINESS

The replacement of the Library roof may begin this week. The work will include removing the brick wall in front of the outside area which will be replaced with wrought iron. The removal has to do with access for equipment. Three air conditioners will be removed and replaced. The work may become more involved than expected and is unlikely to be completed before October.

There was a good event in honor of Nancy Collins retirement. We will be giving her a gift card to the Blue Apron along with a card.

NEW BUSINESS

The deadline for items for the newsletter is August 19. Anyone needing information on Emailing submissions to Charlie Draper should contact Charlie or the Library for information.

The Library is interested in acquiring a telescope. John Spruhan, a member of an astronomy group, brought a telescope that is the type wanted to show the Friends who were at the meeting. There is strong interest now because of the 90% eclipse expected on August 21. The Library has an event planned from 1:00 to 4:00 on August 21. There are special glasses for viewing which were received through a grant. There would be future uses for the requested telescope which is best used for moon and planet gazing and for eclipses with the proper accessory.

Charlie Draper moved we appropriate up to \$400.00 for the purchase of an Orien digital system reflective telescope conditional on the approval of the Library Director who was unable to attend the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

The books for the book sale will be moved to the Library the first week of August and we will begin to sort on August 7. (Because of scheduling issues the date was later changed to August 10.) Because of the roof work we will need to be more flexible than usual.

A plaque is being created in honor of long time and very active member Helen Robertson. The plaque may be presented to members with long time active service to the Friends of the Salem Library. Members may nominate such people. Nominations will go to the Board of Directors for decision.

Pat Draper is interested in turning over the job of Historian.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library will be held on October 8.

The meeting was adjourned.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary