

The October 8, 2017, meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the president, Ken Sosnowski.

Twelve members were present.

The minutes of the July meeting were read by the secretary and approved as read.

The treasurer reported that the total for the book sale was not final because of credit card fee reporting issues. We made around \$6,000.00 and have to consider storage expenses in determining net profit. We made \$2,326.33 from printer use.

Ken Sosnowski asked for a motion to approve \$400.00 to reimburse lunch expenses. Charlie Draper so moved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ken announced the FOSL and regular library volunteers of the year.

At the luncheon Ann Tripp announced that John Spruhan was the FOSL volunteer of the year and that Leesa Thompson, also a FOSL member, was the regular volunteer of the year.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Work on the library roof is in progress. Rotted wood has been removed and replaced. The old roof and membrane have been removed and the new membrane installed. The target date for completion is November.

The telescope we allotted money for arrived and was put to use at the eclipse event. Other people brought equipment to share and the event went well.

The next news letter will go out at the end of January. Results of the January election will be reported. The deadline for articles is January 19, 2018. There was reference to considering using tickets for the member sale and lunch next year, but the library staff would still need to have people RSVP to plan appropriately.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Ken distributed a report on the book sale which will be filed with the minutes of this meeting. An important point for 2018 is that we will not have to pay storage fees as long as we can continue to use the storage the City of Salem has provided. We can take books Monday through Thursday. We appreciate the help we received again this year from the boy scouts in

moving books. 605 volunteer hours (plus other hours people forgot to list) made the book sale possible.

As director Annie Tripp made several requests for funds. A request for a banner was withdrawn when it was determined there was already one that should work. The requests included funds for crafts for the Gingerbread Festival, gift cards for an adult reading program, expenses for a Justice League Day, and expenses for honoring the military.

The motion was to appropriate \$1050.00 to fund the programs listed above. Charlie Draper made the motion which was seconded and passed.

The Helen Robertson Award we established in July was mentioned. Ken stated that nominees should have been involved for a long period time in his view. Nominations may be turned in at any time.

Ken asked for volunteers and appointed Charlie Draper, Janis Augustine, and Gail Evans to the Nominating Committee.

We also have a vacancy on the Board. A member has been approached, asked to think about it, and has not gotten back to Ken on the matter.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary