

Minutes Friends of the Salem Library March 11, 2018

The March 11, 2018, meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the president, John Spruhan.

Twelve members were present.

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

The treasurer's report was given by former treasurer Joyce Foster who had been away at the time of the January meeting. Her report included a final report for 2017. We have three CDs with two about to mature and expect to move more money into CDs. The beginning balance for 2017 was \$36,433.24 and the ending balance was \$45,310.40. Adjusting for inflows and outflows between January 1, 2018 and March 11, 2018 our total balance is \$46,302.73. This balance includes a small savings account which is linked to the checking account to provide overdraft protection.

John Spruhan thanked Joyce for her years of service as treasurer.

Ken Sosnowski moved that the membership officially thank Joyce. The motion was seconded and passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Anne Tripp gave an overview of recent library events and plans. An adult reading program timed away from the summer programs this year has been very successful. The program has had 80 participants compared to 25 in the previous program. Two people have completely finished which means they have completed 25 activities. There is also a staff reading program. An unplugged day on Saturday, March 10, went well. The library is getting some new furniture based on a bequest. This information is an update on an item mentioned in January. There are plans to do some moving around to refresh the library and provide better sight lines. They are also hoping to do some work on the Mezzanine. One goal is to provide small group space. They may be able to get a grant for this work.

John Spruhan and David Butler are working on a plan for an astronomy club which would meet once a month and might take some field trips. The planning is not aimed at any specific age group.

Book sale chairman Ken Sosnowski reported that we have 90 boxes of books in storage with more in the library to be moved. John Spruhan and Phil Roark will go to the storage site with Ken so that more people can be familiar with the storage and can move books there if necessary.

Charlie Draper announced that the next newsletter will go out shortly before the annual book sale. There will be more details at the July meeting. There is a plan to have an enclosure with the newsletter that will speed up the admission process for the member sale for life members and people whose dues have been paid before the newsletter is mailed.

NEW BUSINESS

Annie made a thorough presentation with a handout detailing library needs. The presentation included details of the proposals, other funding, and labor sources. The Salem Lions Club is making a generous donation. Salem Auto Glass is providing a substantial discount and free cutting of lexan needed for one of the proposals. Discounts from Lowes and other local businesses are part of the funding. Major work on Proposal 2 will be done by Ben Kessel as his project to make eagle scout.

The requests were divided into four proposals. Motions for each proposal were made by Charlie Draper, seconded, and passed after questions and discussion.

Proposal 1 – Funds not to exceed \$4225.00 for the Summer Reading Program which includes programs for children, teens, and adults

Proposal 2 – Funds not to exceed \$4000.00 for a Storywalk and raised garden beds to replace the walled-in patio area demolished due to the roof work

Proposal 3 – Funds not to exceed \$500.00 for an outreach request including a vertical FOSL banner and STEM outreach materials

Proposal 4 – Funds not to exceed \$500.00 for the Elementary Art Show sponsored by the Friends

In total we appropriated funds not to exceed \$9225.00.

In conjunction with the patio replacement project a low fence will be installed. This item will come from the Lions Club donation.

Annie also brought up some issues with the public printer which is becoming out of date and cannot be adapted for uses wanted by patrons. Patrons want to be able to use the printer with their mobile devices. We have a contract with a company that has changed hands and need to look into what solutions are possible at this time.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library will take place on Sunday, July 8, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary