

Friends of the Fleetwood Area Public Library

January 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes

At 1:09 PM, the Friends of the Fleetwood Area Public Library monthly meeting was called to order by President Denice Fulmer in Room 111. Those in attendance were Jean Davis, Marie Richdale, Joanne Broome, Darlene Boyer, Michelle Hughes, Diane Dreibelbis, Denice Fulmer, Linda Knecht, Donna Montgomery, Carin Mileskosky, Sandra Dugan, Sue Seyler, Laurie Ayrton, Marsha Anderson, Mary J. Boeshore.

ACTIONS TAKEN

Minutes – The November 25, 2019 minutes were distributed and reviewed and accepted as distributed.

Treasurer's Report – Sandra Dugan reported that the book cart made \$83.25 in December, and \$76.50 in January to date. With an additional \$10 in membership, the balance in the checkbook account is \$4249.89. The treasurer's report has been put on file for audit.

Discussion was held about the amount needed for Friends activities and was determined to be \$1100 at this time (this included \$400 for room rental for Room 111). The new budget was developed at an officer's meeting the previous Friday, and presented to the members. A motion was made by Jean Davis to accept the revised budget and seconded by Marsha Anderson. It was also noted that an audit of the 2019 treasurer's report was completed and documented.

Discussion was held regarding which family museum passes to purchase in 2020; investigation of passes to the Discovery Center in Allentown will be completed. Carin indicated that the purchased movie license will not be renewed for 2020.

Correspondence – A condolence card regarding the passing of John Showalter was noted and shared.

Library Director's Report – Demolition has started on the new library location, and the capital campaign is underway. There will be an open house on February 20th, 10 AM to 4 PM to which the public will be invited to review the new plans and ask questions. 5:30 PM, there will be a reception for potential donors.

Asbestos found in the carpet glue will have to be removed and room 111 will be emptied and sealed for a week or two. More details to follow.

The following requests for funds were made:

1. Homeschool program is generally self-sufficient except for the music teacher for which they need \$15 per month for a total of \$45. A motion was made to provide these funds by Darlene Boyer, seconded by Michelle Hughes.
2. The 8 week Enrichment Classes, which includes STEM and Dance requires \$545. A motion was made to provide these funds by Darlene Boyer, seconded by Michelle Hughes.

Carin reported that the Berks County Friends organization contributes \$400 for continuing education, as well as \$1000 for general expenses. They also fund the annual play provided by Yocum Institute.

The Friends Institute in Grantville provides \$80 for 2 people to attend the Annual Friends Meeting.

It was also reported that the Berks County Friends library awards is being held January 29th. Flo Weber has been nominated for outstanding staff member, Darlene Boyer has been nominated for the Linda Baer Friends of the Library award and Fleetwood Library's art program is being recognized.

Library Board Report – Marie Richdale reported a trip to Peddler's Village will be sponsored by the library, Friday, April 17, departing at 9:30 AM and leaving Peddler's Village at 5 PM. The cost per person is \$25. Reservations are taken first-come-first-served.

Membership – 3 members renewed during this meeting. Updated membership list was provided by the Corresponding Secretary, Jean Davis. An email was sent to various members who owe 2020 dues.

Old Business – Suggestions for improvements to the **annual meeting** include no more craft shows and cut vegetables instead of cookies.

The **bylaws** were revised and distributed at the November meeting for a first-reading. A motion was made by Marsha Anderson to accept the revision, and seconded by Donna Montgomery.

Another **Fiore's fundraiser** has been scheduled for February 19. Coupons will be available at the library desk.

The **WIFI hotspots** will no longer be available; one will be funded to be used in room 111 until the renovations are complete. Carin requested \$30 per month until May for this purpose. A motion was made by Michelle Hughes and seconded by Darlene Boyer to pay for this expense.

New Business – The possibility of another **Sweet Street sale** for Easter was discussed. Marsha Anderson will check with the company to see if anyone else in the area is having a sale at that time and this will be revisited at the February meeting. Additionally, fundraisers at Chick Fillet and other establishments may be investigated.

In addition to museum **family passes**, passes to other local attractions will be investigated including the Elwood and Lehigh Valley Zoos.

The **FRIENDS membership form** will be revised to include information about the monthly meetings held at 1 PM, the last Tuesday of the month, in Room 111 of the Community Center.

It was decided that the Friends and Library will again participate in the **Fleetwood Community Days** on July 21-25. Relocation of the stands to a shadier spot will be investigated by Carin.

The **May Book Sale** will be held May 14-16. Carin will be checking the volleyball schedule to determine if there are any conflicts with that date. Discussion was held regarding where to store and when and where to accept donations once the library moves to the first floor. This needs to be resolved in the next few months. Also, the space in the hall to be used in place of the book carts needs to have shelving, and these might come from the current library.

Next meeting is February 25 at 1 PM. Meeting was adjourned at 2:58.

Respectfully submitted in the absence of the Secretary,
by Corresponding Secretary, Jean Davis