

Friends of the Fleetwood Area Public Library
September 29, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Friends of the Fleetwood Library was held at the Fleetwood Community Center in the Cafeteria and was called to order 1:00 at PM by Denice Fulmer.

Those in attendance: Denice Fulmer, Jean Davies, Carin Mileschosky, Sandra Dugan, Lois Geist, Laurie Ayrton, Linda Sanchez, Mary Boeshore, Donna Montgomery, Kathy Frederick and Michelle Hughes.

ACTIONS TAKEN

Minutes

- The minutes were distributed and reviewed. No corrections or additions were noted, and the minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

- Sandy Dugan presented Jean Davis with a thank you card for her generous donations from the sale of her masks.
- We received our certificate of tax exemption and Sandy kept a copy for her files and gave one copy to the bank.
- No checks were written during the month.
- To date we sold 450 hoagie coupons for our fundraiser at The Shop for a total income of \$2,614. Our profit from the sale will be \$1,350. We received \$139.00 in donations.
- We owe the Historical Museum \$50 for our annual passes.
- There is \$2, 107 available to the library to use for projects until the end of the year. Any proceeds from the upcoming book sale can also be used next year.
- We began the year with a balance of \$3,675.00.

Correspondence

- Jean Davis received a thank you note from the Friends of the Library for her generous donations.
- Jean is planning to write a thank you note to the Boy Scouts and Bill Mileschosky for the work they did on the project in our hallway and the closet in Room 111. They did a wonderful job installing the book cases.

Library Director's Report

- The funds that the library receives from the state are being drastically cut for the upcoming year. Carin is urging everyone to contact their state legislators to ask them to continue with full library funding for the next year.
We received 5/12 of our state budget which is a loss of \$30,000.00 for next year.
If the funds are cut as expected, Carin will try to request more money from the Townships of Maiden creek and Richmond. They currently give us \$2.10 per capita and we should receive \$2.50 per capita. If we don't receive our full budget that will mean less hours, staffing and books.
- At this time there no programs need funding.
- Carin thanked us for purchasing the laptop cart and red bins.

Library Board Report

- Lois Geist reported that the Board approved several policies at the monthly meeting.
- There was a discussion about having an online raffle on FB as a fundraiser.
- No help is needed for the Apple Pie Contest during Fleetwood Community Days as they have enough volunteers.
- Discussion turned to the book sale being held during Community Days. We have 3 sandwich boards to use for advertising the book sale.

Membership

- Jean received no new requests for membership.
- Jean was asked if she sends out reminders for renewal and she does. Since we are trying to get dues on an annual basis, everyone gets a reminder with the Friends e-mails. The members present decided that if anyone signs up for membership on or after October 1st, their dues will be effective for the remainder of 2020 & 2021.
- The question was asked if we should put membership forms in the bags handed out at the book sale but decided to put the forms on the table instead.

Old Business

- Our fundraiser with The Shop was a success and sales were terrific.
- We still have about 51 coupons to sell and we could sell them at the book sale on Thursday evening and Saturday. Sandy seemed sure that Summer would accept the coupons after October 3, which was the last date to redeem them. If anyone purchases a coupon at our sale, then we must make them aware of the last date to redeem.
- Someone asked if we had a certificate ready to give to Summer as a thank you. Since there was no certificate, Linda Sanchez volunteered to help with the creation of one.
- We need to decide the flow of traffic through Room 111 and which door will be set up as our entrance with cash box.
- Signs are needed and Denice is getting the bags for the sale.
- We will use \$125 as start-up money for the cash box. We will charge \$5 per bag and if someone wants a refund because they cannot find any books that they want, we will refund their money if asked.
- No more than 12-15 people may be in the room at the same time per Covid guidelines. Masks are mandatory and no personal bags may be used. Jean will set up a table with her masks on both sale days. There will be a donation box in Room 111, should someone want to make a donation.
- Denice has not yet contacted Opportunity House to see if they will take all our books. But she will do so immediately.
- We can get into Room 111 on Monday to pack up the leftover books from the sale. Sandy, Denice, Darlene, Jean and Michelle volunteered to do the packing.
- The decision was made to begin accepting new donations once a month, on the last Tuesday of the month, beginning October 27th. If this is not convenient for some people, books can be brought in by appointment. We will need help to sort books as they come in and can use Room 111. The shelves in the room still need to be attached to the wall. That will be completed before new donations are accepted.

New Business

- Book will now be sold from the bookcases that were installed in our hallway. The donation box will be added to the shelves as soon as it is completed.
- Linda Sanchez, Sandy Dugan, Jean Davis and Donna volunteered to sort new donations.
- Sandy asked if we were still interested in having a fundraiser with Fiores. Fiores is only doing take out at this time and they will not open the restaurant for dining-in. There was a lack of interest in pairing with Fiores at this time.
- Carin suggested a fundraiser with Moe's. They pack a taco kit in a box and delivered to your location in a truck. They will even put it in your car is requested. The entire process is completed online through a designated link. The members liked this idea and will think about it.
- Linda suggested the Kirbyville Market on Rt. 222 as another possible fundraiser and will check it out.
- Our Annual Meeting will be held on November 19th at 6:30 P.M. Jean Davis will provide her presentation on the Dreibelbis Family and the Covered Bridge.
- Jean Davis presented The Friends with another donation of \$100 from the sale of masks.

Discussion - None

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 1:00 PM. The meeting adjourned at 2:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Hughes, Recording Secretary