

FRIENDS OF THE SALEM LIBRARY

MINUTES – MARCH 13, 2011

The March 13, 2011 meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by Vice-president Ken Soskowski in the absence of the president. Thirteen members were present.

The minutes of the January 2011 were read by the secretary and approved.

The treasurer reported that a CD matured. A \$10,000 CD was purchased from Stellar One for 37 months and the remaining money from the CD was placed in savings. At the end of 2010 funds totaled \$17,452.67 including checking, savings, and the CD. Recent expenditures include printing costs for the newsletter and a gift to the library staff which was delicious according to the staff. Our ending balance as of March 13, 2011 is \$17,602.25. The treasurer's report was approved.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

The Friends are paying \$225.00 of the \$450.00 costs of the Held on the Home Front exhibit to be held at the Salem Museum on Monday, April 18, 2011. Margaret Huertematte has put up a bulletin board promoting the event. Members are encouraged to attend.

The Friends will sponsor a student art show on Sunday, May 18, 2011 in place of our regular May meeting. Janis reported that Amanda Gibson from the Salem City Schools confirmed that the art teachers are ready for the event. Members comments on the high quality of the show in past years. Charlie Draper reported on past coverage for the event and will work on coverage for this year. The library staff will take care of invitations. A motion was made, seconded, and approved appropriating up to \$300.00 for refreshments.

Charlie Draper explained he was unable to include Chris Gladden's official president's report for 2010 in the last newsletter due to technical difficulties. We now have that report on file.

Janis gave us an update on the new system for DVDs. The boxes now credit the Friends for funding. The system is working with only a few glitches and the system is a major help to the staff.

As chairman of the membership committee Ken reported he had no formal report as this time. There was a discussion of tips on membership sent to the library by E-mail and of a new name tag system to identify FOSSL members at events, either individually or as members of the organization.

A contribution to funding the VLA legislative liaison was discussed. We approved \$350.00 in July of 2010. Consideration of the 2011 contribution was postponed.

Janis reported that the recent session of the General Assembly did not cut library funding.

The meeting was adjourned.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary