

Minutes Friends of the Salem Library January 10, 2016

The January 10, 2016, meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by President Charlie Draper.

Thirteen people were in attendance.

The secretary read the minutes from the October 11, 2015, meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Joyce Foster gave her report. She reviewed types of figures from the book sale and thanked John Spruhan for selling post cards that had been a 2014 donation. She reported the following totals from December 31, 2015: 3 CDs totaling \$12,000.00

Savings account - \$1,752.23

Checking account - \$22,706.23

Total - \$36,458.46

The president called for announcements from the floor. Opal Martin mentioned she is moving. Margaret Heurtematte thanked Friends members for cards and calls following her surgery. She also mentioned how well the mike was working.

Old Business

There was a report on the STEM activity. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. There were eleven teenagers involved. Charlie Draper assisted with the activity. More information will be available in the newsletter.

The display furniture funded by the Friends is in place and working well.

The Gingerbread Festival was held at the library with about 500 in attendance. Our appropriation helped to refresh and expand the decorations.

Leisa Thompson thanked the Friends for our support of the Telebration event and told us about how the event went. She asked that we continue our support in 2016. The 2016 Telebration is planned for the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

New Business

Charlie Draper is willing to continue compiling the newsletter. The deadline for the next issue is January 18, 2016. Articles should be a maximum of three paragraphs.

The next item on the agenda was library needs. Anne Tripp told us about a bequest that the library plans to use for new furniture for the magazine reading area. She may need to ask the Friends for funds for an area rug in that area. She may also ask for funds for some other chairs. She is hoping for funds for a new roof in the next budget. Actual purchasing of items mentioned above may need to wait until after roof installation.

Historian Pat Draper asked that members send her articles that would be appropriate for the Friends Scrapbook.

Joyce Foster asked for action on funding for the library legislative liaison. Sara Ahalt moved we appropriate the same amount of money we authorized last year which was \$350.00. Margaret Heurtematte seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Joyce mentioned that we are getting good income from the contract printing.

Anne Tripp told us about The Foundation for the Roanoke Valley. People can go on line and click to donate to a variety of causes. The date is March 16 with a campaign leading up to the date. She is willing to help set this up for the Friends if we are interested. Helen Robertson moved we participate and Betty Waldron seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The nominating committee reported on the slate of candidates which included the following: President – Ken Sosnowski, Vice President – John Spruhan, Secretary – Susan Ahalt and Treasurer- Joyce Foster. No nominations were made from the floor. Margaret Heurtematte moved we elect the slate by acclamation. Helen Robertson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next meeting will be on Sunday, March 13, 2016, beginning at 2:00PM.

The formal meeting was adjourned and was followed by a presentation by Charlie Draper on his trip to Antarctica.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary