

FRIENDS OF THE SALEM LIBRARY

MINUTES JULY 14, 2013

The meeting was called to order by the President.

The Secretary read the minutes of the March meeting which were approved.

The Treasurer gave her report. Balances as of July 14 were as follows: checking - \$12,080.13, savings - \$5,740.29, and CD - \$10,000.00 for a total of \$27,820.42. Joyce reported we are averaging \$242.00 per month on the printer so far. She asked about a figure that didn't reconcile with her numbers for the Art Show expenses. We took a vote approving \$106.00 for invitations which took care of the question in her records. Joyce also mentioned we received some small donations through the state tax return system for designating money from refunds.

OLD BUSINESS

The donated old Federalist book was returned to the donor when he was informed of its value. He is pursuing selling through a dealer. He did not take back the old French book. Janis is still working on a valuation.

The current quote on a new microfilm reader is \$8900.00 for the current version. Janis is in the process of getting a quote for a new version.

The refrigerator in the break room was repaired by Tarpley and Macks for \$60.00.

The May Art Show was probably the best attended yet. Over half of the student artists attended with family members.

NEW BUSINESS

The newsletter will come out in late August with August 19 as the deadline for articles. It will include the Constitution and By Laws with suggested changes in red. This inclusion will make the printing costs higher than usual.

The 2013 Summer Program has had good attendance. The state encouraged on-line registration and recording of information. This process may have decreased official registration since there was a lot of casual registration when people were in the library. Children could still take part either way. Programs included a puppet show for younger children and a Mystery Night as part of David's program.

Ken summarized the proposed constitutional changes. The main focus is to match the contents to what we are doing and to clarify the responsibilities of the board of directors.

Joyce mentioned that the Stellar One branch we have been using is closing. There will be a new branch on West Main with a new name.

Work on the Book Sale will begin on August 2 with table set up. Sorting will begin on August 5. Ken, Charlie, and Joyce will chair the sale. We need to be sure we are on the website we decided to skip last year. There was some discussion of the disposal of remaining books. There was some discussion of sale times on Friday. Ken announced there would be no change this year. On Friday the Member Sale will be from 9:30 to 11:30 and the Public Sale from 1:00 to 4:00.

Use of credit cards will be provided for this year. We can get a smart phone to use for \$99.00 or we may be able to use Janis's. The box is free. We pay 2.4% of the gross and the rest of the money is deposited in our account. The plan is to train 2 people who will work near the cashier and divide their time between operating the credit card system and tallying.

Ken presented Charlie with a small birthday cake and we sang happy birthday.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary