

Minutes - Friends of the Salem Library - October 11, 2015

The October 11, 2015, meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the president, Charlie Draper.

Nineteen members were present.

The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved as read.

Chairman Ken Sosnowski made a report on the book sale. Copies of the report were handed out. Our offsite storage was very useful. He estimated we had about 500 boxes of books. A group of boy scouts with the help of some fathers moved the books out of storage and into the library. The group was thanked with pizza. Ken reported that the sale went surprisingly well overall. He also summarized some changes in organization and conduct of the sale, mentioned the excellence of the lunch, and explained the handling of leftover books. Ken has set up a plan to sell some leftover books on EBay. The sale grossed over \$8,000.00. Some expenses have not yet been subtracted. It was necessary to buy some tables which we can use for future sales.

Charlie Draper congratulated Ken and the sale workers.

Treasurer Joyce Foster talked about book sale numbers and reviewed recent spending. She covered amounts in our accounts and CDs and gave a total of \$38,205.02.

Announcements

Betty Dickerson read the following memo into the minutes of the meeting.

A great big THANK YOU to the Friends of the Salem Library
and especially to Ken Sosnowski for the generous donation of
paperback books following the library's September book sale.

The memo came from the Roanoke County Jail Librarian Deputy Charles Minucie. Betty is a Friends member and a volunteer Jail Literacy Specialist.

Charlie read a note from Emily Paine Carter thanking the Friends for the picture for the library in her parents' memory.

Charlie mentioned the surgery of member Margaret Heurtematte and Ken gave us an update.

Old Business

The new book drop we funded has been installed.

The wireless system we bought from Lee Hartman has been installed by Charlie Draper and David Butler. The library has already found it useful.

Planting in a Post-Wild World: Designing Plant Communities for Resilient Landscapes has been placed in the library in memory of Myrtle Plybon. This action was approved at the July meeting.

New Business

Charlie mentioned that the Friends will want to do something when Nancy Collins retires.

David Butler made a request for up to \$200.00 for a Teen Stem Activity. Because of timing the request was authorized using a telephone procedure involving officers and board members provided under our By-laws. This procedure requires reporting the spending at the next meeting.

Leisa Thompson made a request for funding for Telebration, a celebration of storytelling, at the July meeting which was tabled until this meeting. Leisa thanked the group for our support for the 2014 event and described plans for this year's event which is scheduled for November 21 from 10:00 to 3:00. The request is for \$300.00 with the unused portion to be returned to the Friends.

Leisa made a motion for funds up to \$300.00. Gail Evans seconded. The motion passed.

Anne Tripp requested funds for two new pieces of display furniture. One is to replace a two-sided display that fell apart. The other is for a new tiered display.

Helen Robertson moved we appropriate up to \$2,700.00 for the two items. The motion was seconded and passed.

Annie talked about the relocation of the Gingerbread Festival to the library. She asked for funds to improve decorating because of this event.

Ken Sosnowski moved we appropriate up to \$300.00 for additional decorating for the Gingerbread Festival. The motion was seconded and passed.

Charlie appointed a nominating committee consisting of Pat Draper, Rosemary Sosnowski, and Helen Robertson. He reminded the group that board members will not be up for election.

Charlie announced that the next meeting will be Sunday, January 10, 2016, at 2:00 with election of officers at that meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary