

Minutes Friends of the Salem Library October 9, 2016

The October 9, 2016, meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the vice-president, John Spruhan.

There were twelve in attendance.

The secretary's minutes were read and approved.

In the absence of the treasurer John summarized information from her report. The gross amount from the book sale is approximately \$8,000.00. Expenses included the purchase of tables we needed for the sale. The ending checking account balance is \$21,663.39. We gained new members at the time of the sale.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The library has received the new furniture we were told about earlier. The use of the area involved has increased since the installation of the furniture.

There is no date scheduled for the new roof.

We are still looking into an audit which requires a CPA. John mentioned that a review may be done by an accountant who is not an auditor. The CPA or accountant may not be a member of the Friends.

Our last points have been turned in to the Campbell's Labels Program which has concluded. Two \$25.00 gift certificates are being issued based on these points.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Helen Robertson who could not attend the meeting notified John of the death of Dee Rose, a past president of the Friends. She asked John to bring up the placing of a book in the library in his memory. It was decided to table this issue until the next meeting.

Emily Metrock was introduced as the new children's librarian. She came to the Salem Library from the same position at the Vinton Library. She mentioned that she was impressed with the book sale.

If you have an article or a suggestion for an article for the next newsletter check Charlie Draper's email for the deadline.

John circulated copies of the book sale report from Ken Sosnowski. There were questions about the division of money among the days of the sale, the use of cash versus credit, and money

from the children's area. The value of Friday's extended hours was also discussed. A copy of the report will be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

John then asked for library requests.

Emily explained that there is a need for a new children's computer with only children's software and no access to other materials. Part of the children's computers we have do not work. There is also a need for a sturdy table and some chairs that are appropriate for the children to use. The total for these items is \$5046.02. She also requested funds for a rug to be used for story time with the younger children and explained its value in working with this age group. The amount for this item is \$409.95.

David Butler explained a program he wants to institute with middle and high school ages which is a STEM program to be used in coordination with robotics instruction. He expects to meet at least twice a month to start with and can work with a group of ten teens. He has teens already interested in participating and would be interested in talking to people who might be interested in working with them. The total amount needed is not to exceed \$1,000.00. A handout related to the request will be filed with these minutes.

Jane Wright moved we appropriate \$200.00 for the balance needed in combination with a donation for the program. The motion was seconded and passed.

Sara Ahalt moved we appropriate up to \$5,500.00 to cover Emily's requests for the computer, table, chairs, and rug. The motion was seconded and passed.

John mentioned a difference in the dates on the agenda and in the last newsletter for the date for the January meeting. January 8, 2017, would be the normal date. Please check your meeting notice for the specific meeting date as well as the slate of candidates for office.

The meeting was adjourned.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary