

FRIENDS OF THE SALEM LIBRARY

MINUTES – OCTOBER 14, 2012

The October meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the president, Ken Sosnowski.

There were 16 in attendance.

The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved.

In the absence of the treasurer the president summarized her report. There were some points related to the new printer program on which the treasurer needed clarification. She has sent a letter to LBM on our tax status so they will not collect sales tax. The end of the report shows \$9,853.83 in checking, \$5,729.67 in savings, and a CD with a face value of \$10,000 to mature in November 2013 for a total of \$25,583.50. The total for this year's book sale was \$6,508.90 including \$40.00 paid to the Friends for remains from the sale. The cost of bags for the sale was included in luncheon expenses since Nancy Collins picked them up for us when she picked up lunch related items.

OLD BUSINESS

The LBM printer program is now in use. The program has been very helpful for Library patrons although it has led to many user questions so far. \$261.00 was deposited this week from a two-week period of use. The system has not been in use long enough to answer many questions about how well it is working.

Sara Ahalt, book sale chairman, reported 23 very industrious volunteers put in 754 hours of work on the sale.

NEW BUSINESS

An old French law book was donated to the library prior to the book sale. Elaine Budde currently has the book researching its value.

Marietta Grundlehner addressed the group on the possible use of the book for a French seminar class at Roanoke College. The student with primary interest was to provide the Friends with a letter with her proposal which had not been received as of October 14. Dr. Scaer, the professor involved, has been in contact with Elaine but not on this specific point.

Nancy Collins outlined two main issues for the library - control over the book and archival questions such as appropriate handling of so old a book. Dr. Scaer will need to address these issues with Janis Augustine. Nancy also mentioned that Janis will be taking another old book to the Library of Virginia for evaluation and might take the French law book at the same time.

Ken read a note from Maureen Harrell thanking the Friends for our funding of three programs for the Summer Reading program.

The Salem Magazine includes an article by Janis Augustine on the 75th anniversary of the Salem Public Library.

The Roanoke Star included an article on Olde Salem Days on September 14. The first paragraph involved an interview with an attendee, Marilyn Brewer, who loves our book sale and makes it her first stop on Olde Salem Days.

The nominating committee consists of Helen Robertson, Rosemary Sosnowski, and Pat Draper. The slate of officers and members of the board will appear with the notice for the January 13, 2013 meeting.

The next newsletter will come out after the January meeting. Charlie Draper is interested in suggestions for articles. The deadline for articles will be a few days after 1/13/13. Charlie also mentioned he now has Office 2010.

Ken talked about a brochure from the Roanoke County Library which lists advantages of belonging to their Friends group.

October 29 is the new date for the Astronomy program which had to be rescheduled due to weather.

Charlie Draper moved we appropriate up to \$200.00 to help with refreshments for the program and Margaret Heurtematte seconded. After brief discussion the motion passed.

Steve Krzysko told the group about a flatscreen display he had seen at the temporary Glenvar Library branch which shows not only the progress on the new library but also children's projects and other interesting displays.

Nancy Collins told us that when she retires her position will not be filled. Instead there will be a new computer technology position. In answer to a question she told us that the teen program is now mainly on Friday afternoons and David Butler is badly needed to work out in the library. She also mentioned that the microfilm reader and printer are so old they are no longer under business provider support and will be expensive to replace.

The meeting was adjourned.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary