

Friends of the Aberdeen Library Meeting

September 12, 2023

In attendance: Barbara Moxley, Susan Brand, Jane Scocca, Deborah Rockwell, Kathy Lewis, Janet Bristow, Eva Fuentes, Sue Cormac, Mary Ellen Dunne, Tina Lacey, Susan Osborn

Acting President Mary Ellen Dunne brought the meeting to order at 2 pm.

Secretary Kathy Gladfelter was absent so Jane Scocca agreed to take meeting minutes.

Treasurer Susan Brand passed the annual report which covered the year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. The report shows that our disbursements for the library programs were not completely covered by the monies raised by our book sales. We started July 1, 2023 with \$15,505.93 in our checking account compared to \$17,876.68 at the start of July 1, 2022, which is a decrease of \$2,370.75. The report as of September 12, 2023 shows a checking account balance of \$12,827.80. The September book sale earned a total of \$747.25. Susan explained that after each book sale she sets aside \$100 in the library safe for start-up cash for the next book sale. When the \$647.25 earned at the September book sale is deposited, the checking account balance will increase to \$13,475.05.

The treasurer's report was accepted.

The book sale was discussed. More volunteers are needed to work at the book sale. Jennifer suggested that perhaps the sale hours should be shortened to 12:00 to 4:30 pm on both Friday and Saturday so there would be sufficient volunteers to cover the sale. Since the November sale has already been advertised those sale hours will remain as 12-4:30 on Nov. 3 and 10-4:30 on Nov. 4. Door to the sale would be closed during any hour that there is no volunteer present to oversee the sale. It was also suggested that we open the sales at 11:00 instead of 12:00 because of the crowd that lines up to enter the sale, but from past experience it seems the crowd would gather whatever the starting time would be. There is a need to alter the configuration and/or size of the check-out table where customers pay for their books because it is very crowded early in the sale. One suggestion was to have a pre check-out space where the books being bought are totaled up and then a slip of paper with the total presented to the cashier so the cashier is simply tasked with accepting payment and making change. Kathy Lewis will advertise the November sale. Several ways of disposing of unsold books have been tried in the past. Jennifer announced that we will be trying to use Discovery Books once again. Central Materials may be sending out some withdrawn and gently used toys to be included in future sales.

The slate of Friends Officers for the coming year is: President, Eva Fuentes; Vice-president, Jane Scocca; Secretary, Kathy Gladfelter; and Treasurer, Susan Brand. It was moved, seconded and voted on to accept this slate.

Points of Light Yoga will be offering Gentle/Chair yoga in the Aberdeen Library on Friday mornings from 9:45-10:15 am on Sept. 15, Oct. 20, and Nov. 17.

Jennifer requested \$900 to cover the expenses of the fall programs and an additional \$100 to prepare two gift baskets to be awarded to one teen and one adult who participate in the Winter Reading Program and in the accompanying Travel Trivia contest. The contest is being prepared by Diane Berkman. It was moved and seconded to provide \$1000 of Friends funds for these expenses. The motion passed.

The library will be participating in Aberdeen's Trunk or Treat event on October 28 from 12 noon to 4 pm in Festival Park. Volunteers who want to help with this event should contact Dianne Dacey.

The schedules for the next Friends Book Sales in the year 2024 are:

January 4 set-up and collection, 5 and 6 sale, with new sale hours of 12:-4:30 on both sale days.

March 7 set-up and collection, 8 and 9 sale

June 6 set-up and collection, 7 and 8 sale

The schedule for the next Friends meetings are:

Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 2 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 2 pm

Tuesday, March 12 at 2 pm

Tuesday, May 14 at 2 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Friends were invited to introduce themselves to Stevie Knight, Aberdeen's new Children's Librarian.