

Friends of the DeKalb Public Library Minutes January 9, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nancy Allen, Deborah Booth, Jill Cutts, Sue Doubler, Alice Hall, Carla Ortegell, Rich Rice, Dorothy Thorsen.

Also in attendance were Pat Adamkiewicz, deputy administrator, DeKalb Public Library, and Veronica Garcia-Martinez, board representative, DeKalb Public Library.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dorothy presented a budget for the 2016 calendar year showing that a \$10,369.51 balance carried forward from 2015, \$15,246.28 income from memberships, book sales, online donations, and the Compass Travel trip, and \$9,492.91 in expenses; these included \$4,890 in library programming and \$3,141.75 for the library's expansion. The balance in 2016 is \$16,122.88.

Dorothy also presented a draft budget for 2017, projecting \$28,122 in income and \$7,650 (amount flexible based on proposals from library staff), with a projected year-end balance of \$20,472.88.

OLD BUSINESS

Jill: Reported she had handled the membership renewal mailing and has started to get a response. These will be acknowledged by mail at the end of January.

Rich: Frank sent a message thanking the Friends for providing funding for the poinsettias that were used to decorate the library for the holidays. The plants were offered to the Friends.

Rich: Suggested that the Friends could provide financial help to the library for the updating of the Friends section of the website.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2017 draft budget was discussed. Projected income from the book sales is higher, so even if the membership income stays flat, there will be a larger balance. It was noted that the higher balance would allow the library to spend more on programming. Jill moved and Sue seconded that the draft budget for 2017 be approved.

Jill moved that the Friends give the library \$25 as reimbursement for the printing of cards and flyers for the new year. This was approved.

Sue: Reported that the Kiwanis are planning a talent show on April 1. They plan to sell advertising space for the program; she suggested that the timing will work well for the April book sale and suggested an ad. The costs of the ads are still being determined.

Rich mentioned two funding requests from Dee:

Four Arduino Starter kits for a class in electronics and coding principles. The class has already started.

This is a one time expense of \$117.88.

Arduino circuit boards, not included with the kits, were also needed for the micro controller class. The cost is \$40.12. Josh McCarthy made the request. Dorothy moved. Rich seconded and the expenses were approved.

Board member Veronica Garcia-Martinez is the new liaison for the Friends and will be attending future meetings. She introduced herself; she runs the Epilepsy Foundation. She said she didn't realize how much the Friends do and was very impressed.

Nancy asked about flash book sale scheduled for Jan. 16. Rich said we would use two tables. Rich and Dorothy will take the first shift (10 a.m -12 noon), Deb and Julia will take the second shift (12-2 p.m.). Rich will choose books and set up and tear down. We will have membership sign and flyers at the sale.

Rich: The book storage space is leaking again and is getting fixed.

Dorothy moved and Rich seconded that the meeting adjourn at 5:35 p.m.

The next meeting is February 6 at 5 p.m. In the Bilder Family Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Booth
Secretary