

Friends of the DeKalb Public Library Minutes April 3, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nancy Allen, Deborah Booth, Sue Doubler, Donna Gabel, Alice Hall, Rich Rice, Dorothy Thorsen, Jeanine Thurmaier, and Theresa Winterbauer. Also in attendance were staff member Samantha Hathaway and director Emily Faulkner. The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. The March minutes were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income for March totaled \$131, a combination of memberships and sales of books, by Rich and from the shelves. There was a direct deposit \$7.81 from Amazon Smile. Disbursements were \$50 for the Kiwanis talent show ad and \$792 for movie licensing. Our balance is \$16,045.18.

NEW BUSINESS

Rich: Jill (in absentia) requested \$100 donation to capital campaign fund in memory of early Friends member Marie McDowell memorial. Nancy moved, Donna seconded. Motion passed.

Book Sale: The signup sheet for volunteers willing to help at the book sale on April 21-24 was circulated. Rich said he would contact people if all the slots weren't filled at the meeting.

Rich: We have yard signs, produced for the fall book sale and he's been seeking permission from individuals and permits from businesses, the Ellwood House and the Park District to display the signs.

Rich and Sam are working on press releases, notices to the school districts and display flyers. In fall, we ran an ad for four days in the Daily Chronicle in fall; for an additional \$23, we can include the Midweek, with a circulation of 25,000. Sue made the motion, which Donna seconded and the motion passed. Sam said the sale would be listed in the town crier section of the paper. Jeanine suggested that we should post on online a yard sale site she's aware of. She said she would share the information about this with Rich.

Rich: It was suggested after the previous sale that 10" metal sign standards would improve the display of table labels. He said we will need 24 and at a cost of \$5 apiece, the total will be \$125. Dorothy moved, Sue seconded. Motion passed.

Rich: The final day bag sale (\$5.00 or a bag) was successful, but he suggested we no longer allow people to add CDs and DVDs to the bags. It was suggested that on the final day, the cost of CD's and DVDs be cut in half. It was agreed that meant that the bags will need to be checked. Also, we supply the paper grocery bags to ensure uniform size.

Deb: Suggested pads with pre-filled price lists to make check out quicker and easier. She agreed to set this up. Emily suggested that if there are two people working at the table, one should count the books and the other collect the money. Rich said that he hopes to have three people working each shift, an increase of one from last time. Deb asked if he needed help with yard signs. Rich said no, he didn't think so, but would Deb be able to help? She said yes.

Trip to Printer's Row: Rich discussed with the NIU Library and the NIU Art Museum a partnership to take an NIU bus to the annual book festival in Chicago on Saturday, June 10. Cost to participants is \$20 if a member of 2 groups, \$25 if a member of 1 group, and \$30 if a member of none. The cost of the bus is \$300 and each group shares equally if there is a profit or a loss. Rich explained this isn't a fundraiser like the previous trip with Steve Johnson, but more of a community building event. NIU Art Museum director Jo Burke will take care of registration and reserving the NIU bus. Deb made the motion to proceed and Sue seconded. The motion carried. Note that a list of speakers is available at <http://printersrowlitfest.org/participants.html>.

Summer programs: Theresa Winterbauer provided a list of summer programs programs totaling a cost of \$2,895. One new one is an improv playhouse theatre. She noted that there is a program scheduled every week. Dorothy moved to cover the cost and Donna seconded. The motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

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Movie Licensing update: Emily said the \$792 approved at the March meeting is an annual expense and the number is based on our population. It allows unlimited screenings of films, which would cost about \$100 each if licensed separately. Upcoming films include Moana and Sing.

Rich: Asked about poor attendance at films shown by the library in the past. Sam said that yes, this had been a problem, but was mostly due to the poor quality of projection and the small space for viewing films in the old building. Theresa said they had already seen higher attendance because of the better facilities.

Theresa: She is predicting quite a few people for Moana and Batman. The last few movies have been seen by 12-30 kids. Sam said that it was low before in the old site because of bad lighting and other technical problems. It is more high tech and comfortable now. Much more pleasant experience, so they have seen big uptick in attendance.

Sam: Said there's always been a license for movies, at least since she has worked there. She wondered if the Friends might pick up the cost? Sue asked if this would become a regular expense for Friends? It has been an expense out of Sam's budget in the past. Rich suggested that perhaps the Friends could pay a portion of it. Deb asked if any films for adults. Emily said a new adult services employee would be hired soon and after that, programming would increase. Rich suggested it would be helpful information to know what kinds of audience they get to help assess the success of the films.

DeKalb County Partnership

Rich: Give DeKalb County Day is on May 4. This is a day for online (or in person) contributions and is coordinated by the DeKalb County Community Foundation. The Friends are one of the groups participating in this. Last year, we received \$2,641.75.

Director's report

Emily said a new person has been hired to be in charge of the teen room and there will soon be a new head of adult services. There are three good candidates. There has been a lot of internal hiring.

There have been some very successful programs recently, with more than 230 people attending the recent magician's program, 40 for Dan the Bard, and 55 for the Visit with Mrs. Lincoln. Coming up on Saturday, April 8, is an after-hours performance in the lobby of the NIU Steelband starting at 6:30. On April 22, during the book sale, there will be a Thai festival from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. This is sponsored by the NIU Center for Southeast Asian Studies.

Dorothy made the motion and Sue seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:05 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Deborah Booth
Secretary