

Members present

Nancy Allen, Deborah Booth, Jill Cutts, Sue Doubler, Donna Gable, Alice Hall, Rich Rice, Dorothy Thorsen, and Theresa Winterbauer. Samantha Hathaway, library communications manager, attended.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. The June minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Earnings in June: \$56 from books from Rich and shelves, \$3,906.35 from the DeKalb County fundraiser, and \$5 from Amazon Smile.

Disbursements in June: \$770 for summer youth programs, \$2,644.77 for tables.

Current total in the budget: \$17,530.40

Old Business

Rich: Printers Row Trip went well, though it was under-subscribed with only 21 registered. A few people did not show up and only 18 went. Deborah pointed out that the missing people had most likely paid. Rich said he hadn't heard from Jo Burke yet, so he doesn't yet know how much money we owe NIU for the trip.

New Business

Rich has talked to Theresa Iverson about a possible upcoming program featuring Steven Johnson's DeKalb-related postcard collection. Perhaps local historian Steve Bigolin will speak.

Samantha Hathaway: 10 of the 12 tables she ordered came in damaged. Round tables are expected, hopefully in time for the upcoming wedding. A backup plan for to borrow tables from the Ellwood House has been put into place with Donna Gable.

Director's report

Samantha Hathaway (in absence of director): Board member Virginia Cassidy is retiring and Veronica Garcia-Martinez had to leave the Board because she moved out of DeKalb. The two new Board members are Joan Burger, employment lawyer and civil rights litigator, who is retired, and Tashena Briggs, who works for NIU Housing and Residential Services. Wendell Johnson is acting president.

Samantha said that the Board will decide at its July 12 meeting on a new library logo (five options were created by NIU graphic designer Sophia Varcados and viewed by Friends). The Board also has to approve a budget and company for website rebranding. Three companies have submitted bids: Morningstar, Trittenhaus, and Weblinks.

Rich: When will the library want the changes to the Friends page? Sam said not for awhile, as content is the last thing. Design and functionality come first, then content. Rich asked if the Friends' logo was being redesigned. Sam said yes, because our current logo is based on the old library logo. Sam said the library plans to pair the website relaunch with a fundraiser (maybe with a bake sale) to sell old stuff ("vintage") and new items.

Theresa Winterbauer: The summer programs have been well attended and successful. For example, the felting class attracted 20 people. All other programs have also been full. More than 60 people came to see the films Moana and Batman Lego; Jimmie Johns contributed free sandwiches.

Dorothy moved and Jill seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 5:32 p.m. The next meeting is August 7 in the Zimmerman Room.