

March 8, 2021 - Minutes for Friends of DeKalb Public Library

Members Present (on Zoom): Deborah Booth, Sue Doubler, Donna Gable, Alice Hall

Staff and Member: Samantha Hathaway, Theresa Winterbauer

The meeting was called to order by President Alice Hall at 5:05. The minutes of the February meeting were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report for February 2021

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$15,547.74
INCOME	
Dues	\$30.00
Donations	\$10.75
Book sales (shelf)	\$58.48
Altrusa purchases	\$81.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$180.23
EXPENSES	
Teen programming	\$175.00
Youth programming	\$1,230.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,405.00
END BALANCE	\$14,322.97

Sue moved and Alice seconded that the annual budget be approved. Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Old Business

Membership report - Deb said that most of the members from the previous year have renewed their membership for 2021. Total of 29 renewals, including one new. Last year, we had 36 renewals, which included 6 new members.

Book Storage and Sale

Deb said that Ryan and the custodial staff have been getting the boxes of books organized by topic area within the new storage area. This will make it easier to set up the sale.

Several ideas were discussed for the next few book sales:

- Perhaps organize the first post-pandemic sale in September, when the library is hoping to reopen the lower level for smaller events.
- have sales more frequently than every six months, perhaps every three months.
- extend the sales from three to four days;
- limit the number of people allowed into the rooms by setting up a time reservation system;
- hold the sale outside in the parking lot.

Sam expressed concern about setting a date for the book sale yet, with so much unknown about what would be happening with the virus, mask mandates, and vaccinations over the next few months; she thought Emily should be involved in any final decision about the timing or details of the sale. Deb suggested it might be best to defer a decision about a September sale until July.

New Business

Funding requests

- From Theresa Winterbauer - \$608.00 for books for at-risk children, ages 3-5, enrolled in the Early Learning and Development Center (ELDC) and NIU's Preschool for Everyone Expansion classrooms. Librarian visits each classroom, offers a story time, and gives each child a free paperback book to take home. Children get

two books every year. Program has been running since 2017. The funding will allow for the purchase of 600 books. Donna made a motion to accept and Sue seconded. Motion passed.

- From Susan Garlisch - \$111.20 for prizes for the teen summer reading prizes. Includes mood pens, glitter rocket lamps. Sue made a motion to accept and Donna seconded. Motion passed.
- From Emily Faulkner - \$224.85 for Zoom account to host online meetings. We had funded the first 6 months of the year and this is for the second half of the year. The amount will cover the Zoom costs through August. This fee allows the library to livestream events but does not include the large meeting add-on, which was found to be unnecessary. Deb made a motion to accept and Sue seconded. Motion passed.

Alice asked if the Friends would be allowed to meet in person starting in September. Sam said that since the library is hoping to resume limited programming in September, the answer was yes, as of right now. The library will be starting small, with no major events.

Director's report

The report had been emailed to members before the meeting.

Sam talked about a few highlights from the report:

- Mayoral candidates forum on Saturday night did well, 65 on Zoom, 65 on FB live library, 300 on WNIJ FB, and lots of people who have watched the recording since the event.
- The Sherlock program was popular, with 84 attendees.
- Children's programs always popular, more so this year, especially when accounting for the views afterwards.
- Quarantine for books has been shortened to one day from three.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Next meeting - Monday, April 12, 5 p.m., on Zoom

Submitted by Deborah Booth, secretary