

August 16, 2021 - Minutes for Friends of DeKalb Public Library

Members Present: Nancy Allen, Colin Booth, Deborah Booth, Sue Doubler, Donna Gable, Alice Hall, Janis Kirts, Nancy Olson, Pat Vary

Staff and Member: Samantha Hathaway,

The meeting was called to order by President Alice Hall at 5:00. The minutes of the July meeting were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report for July 2021

Current balance - \$17,905.67

Complete July report sent by email with July's minutes

Old Business

Book Sale - First post-pandemic sale is October 22-24. Alice said she would bring a signup sheet to the September meeting for members to indicate when they are willing to work. Deb said she would arrange for the subcommittee to meet before the September meeting to work out details of the sale.

Colin said that book donations are still coming in and suggested that we buy additional boxes from Uline. Sue made the motion that we buy 50 boxes. Sue made the motion and Colin seconded. Motion passed.

Deb suggested that perhaps it was time to publicly announce that we are not taking any more books. Sue said it would be best to wait until after the book sale to do that. Colin said Ryan has created more space in the storage room but said that the space is getting very full.

Sycamore Friends meeting - Deb, Alice, and Janice reported on meeting with Sycamore Friends group on July 19. The Sycamore group is working on building itself back up and was looking for ideas. Everyone agreed that it would be good to do some joint programming in the future.

New Business

Purchase of tables - Sam reported four or five of the cheaper 5' tables have broken down. Since the book sale will require additional tables because we are using the Bilder Room, Sam recommended that we talk to Ryan so we can coordinate the library and book sale needs. Sam said she thought Emily was checking with the City about partially paying for table replacement, since the City has been using all the tables that are available at the City Council meetings held at the library. Sue suggested that Ryan and Emily figure out what they need for the library and that the book sale subcommittee should assess the Bilder Room to decide how many tables we'll need for that.

Funding Request - Sam requested \$350.00 for a magic show by Conductor Cody; he performs 30-minute magic shows for people of all ages with disabilities and sensory needs. Open to all. Sam said it is not clear how many people will be interested. Several places were suggested: Camelot (in Genoa now), Opportunity House. Ramp. Adventure Works, and Walnut Grove. Sue suggested we check with United Way. The show will probably happen in November. Sue moved that the magic show should be funded; Colin seconded. The motion was approved.

Deb said that Teresa Iverson had sent an email on August 11 to say that the program Whistle Stop Canteen, scheduled for September 11, had been canceled because of Covid concerns by the speaker Barb Warner Deane. (She does not do virtual programs.). Since she is moving out of state in October, the program will not be rescheduled. Teresa said that she has notified Marisa Glover and that the \$150 fee will be refunded to the Friends.

Director's Report. Janis asked for the reason why library fines have been canceled. Sam explained that it was a good will gesture and a lot of libraries are doing it at the moment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.