

Friends of the Library
Regular meeting – Monday, July 6, 2010

Present: Dana Petersen, Patsy Smith, Eckhard Stuart, Silvia Fleitz, Laurie Webster, Midge Kirk

I. Call to order – Silvia called the meeting to order at 7:10.

II. Proxies - None.

III. Minutes of previous meeting – Approved with some non-substantive, minor changes.

IV. Correspondence – The Lions Club thought they had purchased an engraved brick and found an order form, however no cancelled check or record of the check being received has been found. It was suggested they could still have the extra “blank” brick engraved if they can find proof of payment or present a new check.

A card from Patsy was presented thanking the Friends for the recent fundraisers and ongoing support of the library. Thank you, Friends!

V. Financial report – After a busy couple of months of fundraising, the savings balance is \$1,081.42, checking is \$5,088.52.

A. 990 Form – Dana moved to authorize Laurie to hire CPA Heidi Trainor to help her prepare the 990 Form for the IRS. Silvia seconded. Motion passed.

VI. Librarian’s report – Patsy presented the attached librarian’s report.

VII. Old Business

A. Jersey Jim Silent Auction – We made \$151 on the Jersey Jim Silent Auction.

B. Fundraising for landscaping – We have made approximately \$1,800 to date from people purchasing the landscaping plants.

1. Donor recognition – We are still planning trying to figure out how to recognize people. Dana agreed to discuss commissioning something from calligrapher Beth Wheeler.

C. Yard Sale – A lot of work and a great success. We netted just over \$1,800. Silvia suggested we do it again next year. Suggestions for next year: More advertising in neighboring towns and more indication at the sale that it is a fundraiser for the library and more help with setup and pricing.

VIII. New Business

A. Mancos Outlaw Days, July 23-25

Friends High Tea and Book Sale – Thursday, July 22, high tea and early bird book sale. Silvia will check with Bob and James and have them coordinate with book sale organizers. It was suggested to have the tea and early-bird sale on Thursday from 7-9 p.m. and the regular book sale on Friday and Saturday. Midge and Brenna Spencer will coordinate the sorting and arranging.

B. Renaissance Faire, August 21-22 – At our August meeting, we'll discuss a possible fundraiser to have at the Faire.

C. Englehart Event – Set date at August meeting.

D. MPL Donation Policy review – Patsy presented a draft version of the donation policy and there was some discussion about how old contributions can be. It was the general consensus that a date cutoff is not appropriate for Friends' same items. As they did in the past, the Friends need to take over sorting the incoming donations according to the policy. This is something the Friends used to do but are not at present. Eckhard volunteered to be one of the sorters and Dana will send out an email requesting additional people to help with this task and with hauling rejected donations to the Salvation Army or other thrift stores as needed. It was suggested that this task be done probably once a week. It was also suggested the Friends bring back the "free basket" to put on the front porch or in the foyer.

IX. Miscellaneous Business –

X. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, August 2, 7 p.m. at the library.

Librarian's Report July 6, 2010

1. The "1st Birthday Party" was a huge success and fun was had by all. Thank you, Friends for bringing food and helping set up, serve, and take down! Thank you also for the new 8' ladder and push broom.
2. Charlene and Victoria, along with Sadie and Tom, attended Rural Philanthropy Days (RPD) June 9 - 11.
3. Advocacy programs continue. Tami Graham and Tom Wolf, along with a staff member are presenting the advocacy presentations to various local groups, clubs, churches, and government entities.
4. Upcoming programs in July include:
 - Jeanne Ott Harsha Poetry Reading and Book Signing – July 8 at 7pm.
 - Open Mic Night (OMN) will be July 15 at 7:00pm at the Absolute Bakery.
 - The SRP reading contest continues through mid-August – adults are welcome to join in!
 - The Brown Bag Tech Series has been well attended since it was initiated. The next program is " Social Media for Non-Profits" on July 7 from 10:00am – 12:00pm, presented by Steve Linn of Buzztown
 - Kate Kearns, the Adult Services librarian is in Ireland now; upon her return, she will have information about additional July programs soon.
5. Building Update:
 - The filtering and black-out blinds have been installed in the meeting room.
 - Bill Henley installed the irrigation system; and planted the trees and shrubs, with the assistance of several sub-contractors.
 - The Donor Wall has been installed; we are still working on the kiva ladder and donor names.
 - The meeting room "technology" and the children's carved door will be completed by the end of July.
 - Bill Henley will begin work on the "brick" project as soon as he wraps up a few more landscaping items.
6. The regular board of trustees meeting will be July 22 at 7:00pm.