

FRIENDS OF THE SALEM LIBRARY MINUTES JANUARY 8, 2023

The January 8, 2023 meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the president, Lydia Spruhan.

Eleven members were in attendance.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting Ken Sosnowski moved and Kim Marchesano seconded the minutes be approved as read. The motion passed. The reading was prefaced with a comment on an adjustment that is needed. Carol Glosch, a long time staff member, was retiring. Bill Chaffin moved and Kim seconded we allocate up to \$100.00 for a gift for Carol. The motion passed. There was a discussion of something people thought she would like and Ricki McKinney volunteered to make the purchase, I was deliberately vague on the off chance Carol might read our posted minutes.

Ken Sosnowski made the Treasurer's report. He handed out copies and highlighted various points. Donations included money in memory of Frances Forstadt. As of December 31, 2022, we had a cash balance of \$29,220.33. He also stated a membership of 113 including 55 life memberships. A motion to accept his report was moved, seconded, and passed.

OLD BUSINESS

The Children's Area is finished and generating a lot of compliments.

The Summer Reading Program was a success.

The training day for the new computer system was very helpful and the staff appreciated the food the Friends funded.

NEW BUSINESS

As chairman Kim made the nominating committee report. She announced the officer slate which was elected and then the board slate which was also elected. As called for by our rules the slates appeared with the meeting notice for this meeting and are listed below.

President – Lydia Spruhan

Vice President – Ricki McKinney

Secretary – Susan Ahalt

Treasurer –Ken Sosnowski

Board Members: Janis Augustine

Bill Chaffin

Gail Evans

Ken Sosnowski

Betty Waldron

The Board will hold its regular meeting following the March meeting.

Lydia thanked Kim for her work with this process.

Anne Tripp had no specific requests for the library at this time. She talked about city funding for new flooring and about plans to revamp the mezzanine because of safety issue. Also the area is not ADA accessible. The area may be used for staff offices and group things where accessibility is not an issue. They also hope to shift some things to take advantage of natural light.

Bill suggested we look into ways to attract members from new residents. He moved we set up a committee to work on membership and marketing. He also agreed to chair the committee. Ken seconded to motion which passed. Bill, Ken, Lydia, and Aannie will work on this committee.

Annie announced that Carol Glosch's replacement will be Joesphine Clarke. She should be consulted on this committee's work because of her area of expertise.

Ken reported on the Christmas sale event. We made \$34.00, handed out books provided by the Library to children, and gained exposure for the Friends. Lydia thanked those who helped.

The Spring Sale scheduled for March 2,3, and 4 was discussed. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, January 24 for any members who choose to attend to discuss specifics.

Phil Roark gave a deadline for newsletter articles and talked about what he needs for it.

The next regular meeting will be Sunday, March 112, 2023, starting at 2:00.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary