

Minutes October 8 2023 Friends of the Salem Library

The October 8, 2023, meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the president, Lydia Spruhan. Fifteen members were present.

The secretary read the minutes of the July meeting. There was an important correction of a typo. We appropriated \$1500.00 as a one time contribution to help bring in the Dolly Parton book program. A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes as corrected.

Ken Sosnowski made the Treasurer's report. Since the last time he gave membership information we have 19 new members. He is sending out 9 letters to members who have not paid since 2019. Anne Tripp mentioned that printer ink costs should be going down but might go back up. Ken reported that as of September 30, 2023, we had a cash balance of \$32,000.85. Ken moved and Lurana Vest seconded we accept the report. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was an update on the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program with clarification still needed on some points.

NEW BUSINESS

Anne Tripp made two requests relating to institutional memberships. The Virginia Library Association membership fee is currently \$467.00 annually and a maximum of \$500.00 was mentioned but not stated in the motion. This group helps gain legislative support for libraries as well as helping in other ways. The current fee to have one staff member belong to the American Library Association is \$277.00 annually. This membership is very helpful to the library.

Ken Sosnowski made both relevant motions as stated below. Both were seconded and passed.

Motion: That Friends of the Salem Library consider membership in the Virginia Library Association to be desirable and that payment of the annual membership fee be automatically approved and remain a line item in the budget.

Motion:

That the Friends of the Salem Library agree to fund the annual membership in the American Library Association for one member of the Salem Library staff, that member to be selected by the Library Director. The fee to become an automatically approved line item in the budget.

Bill Chaffin reported on the progress of plans to provide totes with our logo and local advertising. He has found business interest. \$1200.00 is needed for start up.

Ken moved that we allot \$1200.00 for the start up of the tote program. Kim seconded. The motion passed.

Ken reported on the fall book sale. He believes the current sorting method is working well. We netted \$4,706.87. We will begin sorting for the next sale on November 6.

Three members volunteered for the nominating committee which will be chaired by Kim Marchesano.

Phil Roark requested that items for the winter newsletter be turned in by the January meeting.

It was stated that members who paid 2023 dues be considered up to date for the spring sale.

The Helen Robertson award was given to Ken Sosnowski. This is awarded when the Board receives a nomination and votes on the award, not annually. Sidney Preas was named the 2023 Library Volunteer. Your secretary was honored to receive the 2023 FOSL Volunteer award.

The next meeting of the Friends will be Sunday, January 14, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned by the president and followed by lovely refreshments.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary