

Friends of the Salem Library

MINUTES

OCTOBER 13, 2024

The October 13, 2024 meeting was called to order by the President, Lydia Spruhan at 2:05 pm. There were 15 members in attendance. The Secretary, Susan Ahalt, thanked the members for the cards and thoughts during her illness. She thanked Ken Sosnowski for acting as Secretary in her absence.

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The minutes from the July meeting were read by the Acting Secretary, Ken Sosnowski. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kim and seconded by Bill. The minutes were approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Ken Sosnowski, gave the treasurer's report. He provided a written quarterly report (attached). Our income for the quarter was \$8,731.60, mostly due to the book sale, but including dues and memorial donations in memory of Margaret Heurtematte. Our expenses for the quarter totaled \$2,921.44, split between book sale expenses and the Summer Reading Program. We renewed one CD for 1 year at 4.75% with PENFED. Our balance as of September 30th was \$30,142.70. A motion was made to approve the report as delivered by Janie and seconded by Kim. The motion was approved unanimously. He also presented a comment on the income from the book sale, showing that although the Fall sale income seemed low by past standards, the income from the two annual sales approximates that received during previous years. He also presented the level of income being received from the printer. (attached)

OLD BUSINESS

The Librarian, Ann Tripp, reported that the second dinosaur will be ready by the start of "Dinovember."

NEW BUSINESS

Library Requests: Ann Tripp stated that the Library had no requests to be considered at this meeting.

Retired Books: A discussion was held on the question “Should we sell retired library books?”. Current policy is that these books will be given freely and not sold. Some members thought that this was City policy, since the patrons had already paid for the books with their taxes. Ken stated that actually, it was a decision made by the members many years ago, following numerous complaints by patrons. Other libraries sell their retired books. A motion was made by Lydia and seconded by Janie that we would start selling these books at the March sale. The motion was approved unanimously.

BOOK SALE COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee chair, Ken Sosnowski, provided a written report on the Fall Sale (attached). The sale went very smoothly and he gave credit to the members and the library staff. He especially noted the effectiveness of the Monday Morning Sorting Team. The sale netted \$4,005.11. The lack of internet access in the Community Room during the sale was noted. Ann Tripp commented that the city IT had been requested to activate the system. This will be corrected for the next sale. A suggestion was made to move the cookbooks to a more prominent location during the sale. Ken said that he used an inventory provided by Kim to try to select the best arrangement for each genre. All member input is needed and welcome. The Monday Morning sorting will restart on October 21st. the Spring Sale will be held on the weekend of March 14,15,16, 2025.

MEMBERSHIP/PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Salem Crafty Christmas will be held on December 7th. Ann will make sure that we get the same corner table this year. Ann reported that she has already requested that we get Santa’s throne again. Emily has ordered books to be given to children. We have a good supply of Christmas cookbooks and other Christmas-related material. Closer to the date, Ken will contact members to set up the staffing.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A Nominating Committee is being headed by Kim and she will draft a list of nominees to be presented to the whole membership before the January meeting.

NEWSLETTER

Phil announced that articles for the Winter Newsletter must be received by January 19th. He plans to have each newsletter ready 2 weeks after each appropriate meeting. He is planning several changes to the final page information format. Articles and pictures can be sent electronically.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on January 12, 2025 at 2:00 pm in the Community Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Submitted by:

Ken Sosnowski, Acting Secretary