

May 4, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Sue Roper, Arvilla Beasley, Dolores Eads, Vicki Lambrich, Janet Sears, Evelyn Spinder, Vickie McDonald, Barb Pokarney, and Diane Soffiatti

Treasurer's Report: \$7085.27 (without Star Wars snack funds deposited)

Old Business:

Vicki reported that the group made \$274.65 at the Star Wars Day snack booth. She thanked everyone who helped or donated items, including Barb P who had sewing crafts using Star Wars material. Other items, such as baskets and toys were sold besides homemade treats. Vicki had some photos of the event to show everyone. These will be included in the Friends' scrapbook. Diane reported that this is a large event that keeps getting larger each year. Vicki reported that last year we had made approximately \$95.

Diane reported that the Red Cross babysitting class is to be on June 10th and that the class will be limited to ten participants at a cost of \$85. After some discussion, Barb P made a motion to donate half of the cost (\$42.50) to each student at a limit of ten. Janet seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The funds will be given to the Children's department after the event. (In case there are fewer students.)

Vicki received the Friends' scrapbook from Barb Scheiber who compiled it as a history of the group. Thanks to Barb for her great effort! It was passed to those attending. Last meeting minutes will be included with the Star Wars Day photographs.

Diane reported on the cost of book bags to sell at the Big Book Sale. Some online promotional companies had canvas bags at a cost of approximately \$2.00 to \$3.00 with a set-up fee for our logo. It was discussed that 100 bags would be sufficient to sell. We also discussed size and quality of the bags, (Sue had some examples) using the bag from Eureka Library's Friends group (GreenBag promo) as a guide. Dolores made a motion to use funds to purchase 100 bags with one color (Friends' logo brown) with a red strap from GreenBag at a price of \$3.25 with set up of \$40 and unknown shipping. Arvilla seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. Diane will contact the company to find details and send the logo to be able to receive these before the Big Book sale on June 11. We will sell the bags for \$5.00 each and possibly reorder to sell at any fall or winter event (additional cost of \$25). The bags will only be sold at Friends' events and not at the circulation desk at this time.

Arvilla paid her dues, as she had been unable to attend the February meeting.

Diane thanked Vicki and Barb who made buttons for a Valentine's display: I ❤️ FDL, which have been given to patrons and staff. Amy asked us to make more to give to other city officials or visitors to help advertise our great library.

New Business:

A volunteer sheet was passed around for each day of the sale, set-up and clean-up times. People are needed in the book sale area and to be at the atrium desk to direct people to the sale location and sign people up for prizes. Thursday evening is added to the sale this year and for Friends' members only. If people wish to join the Friends by paying the \$5.00 dues then they may be admitted to the sale. Time of the sale is Thursday 5-8:30 pm. Friday 9-5:30 pm. and Saturday 9-3 pm.

Diane described the Operation Paperback program to mail paperbacks to veterans and active military troops. In the past, boxes were sent overseas, however over the past couple of years, we have mailed paperbacks to VA Hospitals or US Navy ships. Vickie made a motion to participate again this year. Vicki seconded that motion, which passed unanimously. Dates of either Wednesday, June 17 or June 24 were chosen to box and mail our paperbacks. Diane will get addresses of locations from the website and print the letters to insert and individual book labels. She will also ask to use the Civic Plaza meeting rooms. (June 17 from 9am to 2pm in room 3 of the Civic Plaza will be when the books will be boxed and then mailed to the troops or veterans.)

Members made note of the date for the HS Final Night at the library on May 25. Snacks, either homemade or purchased can be dropped off at the circulation desk either Friday, May 22 or Saturday, May 23 for the students. We have had over 100 students attend in the past.

The Friends received an opportunity from the local Chili's restaurant to participate and make 15% profit from restaurant receipts. After some discussion, Arvilla made a motion to not participate. Dolores seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Vicki will contact the restaurant's representative to say that we appreciated the offer, but were not interested at this time.

Vicki read a thank you letter addressed to the group for donating so generously to the Summer Reading Program. Our name and logo will be on any flyer or promotion for the program. It was signed by the Children's, Adult and Teen departments. The theme for the summer reading program is Rhythm to Read.

Barb P made a motion to purchase a cash box for the Friends' to use at its events. Vicki second the motion, which passed unanimously.

A luncheon outing was planned for the group on Wednesday, May 20 at Maria's located at 306 Peoria Street, Washington at 11:30 am. Arvilla will make the reservations, and those attending can meet at the library to car pool to the tea room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Next meeting on August 3, 2015.