

Meeting Minutes
Annual Friends of the Rosemary Public Library
6:30 p.m. October 13, 2021
ZOOM platform

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

In attendance were:

Elizabeth Fayram, president
Connie Kane, secretary
Martha Brunner, treasurer
Pauline Brunner, vice president
Nicole Schaefer, member
Denise Baylis, member
Patty Mullins, member
Debbie Yapp, member
Nancy Bruins, member
Kris Loman, library liaison

The meeting was called to order at 6:32. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Minutes

The minutes from June 2021 were inadvertently not read/approved.

Annual FRIENDS Update

- The past two years have been challenging. Thankfully there has been a good amount of board, member and community support for the Friends and the library as a whole.
- Fiscally we kept our head above water.
- A new brochure was created.
- The membership form was simplified.
- An email account has proved helpful in contacting members.
- Currently 88 households are members.
- Challenges remain in trying to maintain a current membership list.
- Request from the library for funds was less than usual. The library requested \$1500 vs an expected \$3000.

Treasurer's Report

- In 2020 there were no traditional fundraisers .
- There was a letter campaign that brought in \$2265
- The book sale in September netted \$3150
- We started 2020 with \$8565 and ended with \$6062
- Today there is \$9048 in the account

Update from Library Liaison—Kris Loman

- The roof replacement has not gone well.
- Roofers did not secure tarps over openings in roof
- Water got into building—impacting walls and insulation.

- There was no damage to collections but there is structural damage in the community room and story hour room.
 - This is likely to impact ability of Friends to hold an art auction in November.
 - The Library is currently closed to the public. There is curbside pickup.
- The summer program had fewer kids and fewer activities than usual. Screen burnout?
 - The bigger programs/events (outside) were well-attended.
 - The story walk is at Zander Park with anticipation that it will return to the library this winter.

Fundraisers

- Art Auction discussion: on line?/new venue?/postpone til a later date?
- Nicole volunteered to look at the logistics of doing an on-line auction.
- Resolved that the art auction would be postponed until February if feasible.

Elections

- Pauline and Martha are both stepping down from their posts—vice president and treasurer respectively.
- Connie Kane moved and Patty Mullins seconded to accept the nominations of Deb Yapp for vice president and Nicole Schaefer for treasurer. Motion carried. All voted in favor.
- Welcome to new board members. Many thanks to Pauline and Martha for all their years on the board.

Looking Forward

- Financial audit
- Signature changes (outgoing/incoming treasurer)
- Discussion: How do we draw in more members and how often should we reach out to members to keep them abreast of what's happening?

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.