

Friends of the Rosemary Garfield Public Library
Annual Meeting
Via Zoom
Wednesday, September 16, 2020

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:35.

1. Introductions: the following were present at the meeting

- Elizabeth Fayram, president
- Pauline Brunner, vice-president
- Martha Brunner, treasurer
- Connie Kane, secretary
- Kris Loman, library liaison
- Mary Mirkus, member
- Denise Baylis, member

2. Friends update from the president, Liz Fayram

- Priorities for the previous year
 - **Fundraising:** Prior to the COVID shutdown, fundraising was on a good trajectory. But, because of COVID there was no book sale or art auction. There has been a good response from current members to a letter from The Friends for cash donations.
 - **By-laws:** These have been updated and approved at a recent board meeting. The last time the by-laws had been looked at was 1997. The by-laws can be viewed on the RGLB website at the Friends of the Library link.
- 2020 Activities
 - We updated the membership list.
 - We developed a logo for the purposes of publicity and visibility.
 - We established a Gmail account.
- Membership status
 - Currently there are 75 to 80 households holding membership as a Friend.
 - 15 members in addition to the officers assisted with the book sale.
 - The art auction elicited much member and non-member community support.
 - Participation in the brat stand brought visibility but was not a money maker.

3. Financial Report

- Martha reported a balance of \$4376.88 prior to the donation request letter.
- Donations to date are \$1815.
- Balance of \$6176.88
- There is a savings account associated with Amazon Smiles that has about \$260.
- Kris remarked that because the library is unsure of its needs they are re-evaluating what programming would look like in the future. Seems like 2020 is fine but 2021 could be problematic.
- Kathryn (the children's librarian) will know in February what her budget needs to summer programming will be.

4. Officer Opportunities

- No one has put their name out there for the open seats of vice-president and secretary. Pauline and Connie will continue in those roles.

5. Library Update from Kris Loman

- Curbside pick-up of materials is strong.
- Numerous appointments for 45-minute in-house library time—many from the surrounding area as those libraries are still not open to the public.
- Kathryn has a great Face Book presence for children's programming.
- Read Woke Reading Challenge is a program for kids (but adults will find it useful) to access books and resources promoting diversity and equity.
- Read to a Dog is not an option anymore. But, Write Letters to a Dog is. Children write letters to a dog and it (well, actually, its owner) will respond.
- The program co-sponsored by the Aspiring Anti-racists of Cross Plains which viewed and discussed the documentary **13th** was well-received.
- Two upcoming events (via Zoom): Estate Planning and Tree Pruning.

6. Membership Fees

- There was a substantial discussion of: the pros and cons of dues; annual vs. lifetime: family vs. individual.
- In the end all voted for a once only lifetime membership of \$40.
- Non-members are still invited and encouraged to volunteer for helping at sponsored events when the time comes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45

Respectfully submitted

Connie Kane, secretary

