

Minutes  
Board Meeting  
Friends of the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library  
Tuesday, January 10, 2023  
5:00 PM

Liz Fayram's House  
3095 Creekside Way

**Attendees:** Liz Fayram, president; Deb Yapp, vice-president; Nicole Schaefer, treasurer; Connie Kane, secretary

Liz called the meeting to order at 5:03.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the 7/21/2022 board meeting and 10/22/2022 annual meeting were approved. It was clarified that the \$119.21 in the Amazon Smiles account is part of the \$326.45 in the savings account.

**Treasurer and Membership Reports:** In 2022 The Friends brought in more money than it spent. Currently there is a balance of \$9476 in checking and \$326 in savings. Nicole will set up an audit committee. We should think about options for where to "plant" our money in savings should we get to a certain threshold. Two new members joined this year. Deb motioned to accept the report. Motion passed unanimously.

**Follow-up of Art Auction:** The auction netted \$2798. Several ideas/recommendations were floated to make the process easier for all.

- Put the starting bid amount in **BIG/BOLD** font.
- Have a way for buyers to indicate how they would like to be contacted when they have a winning bid.
- Have a policy for what to do regarding items that don't get picked up.
- Advertise/inform previous buyers when an auction is coming up.
- Delineate the Art Auction process in writing indicating timeline, responsibilities, volunteer duties.

### Fundraisers for 2023

- **Book Sale:** Is scheduled for May 5-6 2023. Martha has reserved the room and Kris will solicit for books via village newsletter and library website

- **Art Auction:** The success and community response indicates that we should have another auction in November 2023, We will need to secure room and dates.
- **Other:** Nicole will work with library staff to pursue us sponsoring a trivia night.

### **Library Update (from Kris Loman via email)**

- Thank you to the friends for supporting the library.
- So far the building repairs are holding up.
- Catherine has added a second storytime to keep the numbers of attendees low as we move through COVID/RSV/Flu season.
- The Library staff will meet soon to discuss the look of the summer programming.
- Staffing issues continue.

### **Activities to recruit additional members**

- Have a presence (table with pamphlets/members) at community events.
- Dispersed signs at Friends events.
- Update the brochure

### **Little Libraries**

- Martha has books for us to be used to restock empty looking libraries.
- Deb will check with Katy of Crossroads to see if there can be a library in that general space. Nicole would maintain.

### **New Business—Children's Garden**

- Patty Mullins and Liz have started a project that incorporates literary themes into the library gardens.
- Liz is applying for a grant for signs, labels, see planting activities for children. Some community "buy in" is suggested.
- Connie moved that the Friends donate \$100 to the children's garden seed growing activity. Motion approved unanimously.

### **Additional Business**

- Nicole filed the necessary 501©3 papers required by the State of WI.
- Liz will file the necessary federal papers.