

Friends of the Joliet Public Library – Minutes November 4, 2017

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.
2. Members Present: Leanne Primrose-Brown, Roxanne Schwarz, Linda Aguilar, Frankie Overcash, Ted Overcash, Denise Zielinski, Katherine Howardson, Colleen Robbins, Susan Rains, Joe Furlan, Diane Drick, Marilyn Boehner, Jim Brady, Don Meyer, Ron Likovic, Ethel Garrett, Margaret Holzrichter, Mary Martin, Catherine Adamowski
3. Treasurer's Report:
Beginning balance = \$43,604.23
Income = \$5,535.71
Expenses = \$2,941.39
Ending Balance as of 10/31/17 = \$46,198.55
Income:
Ongoing sale - \$2,074.51
Members = \$275; Thrift Global = \$1002.71; Sept. Book sale = \$1038.03; Kidzfest = \$311.60; Keeps Books = \$795.86
Expenses:
Friends = \$31.28; Programs = \$200.37; Kidzfest = 100.00; Sept. Booksale = \$217.61; Robots = \$592.13; Splash Station = \$1800
4. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Ethel; second by Jim; all in favor.
5. Minutes: Motion to approve: Margaret; second: Colleen; all in favor.
6. Library News:
 - Little Library Project – Catherine Adamowski gave a presentation about this new project. She is requesting that the Friends donate books to be placed in the Little Libraries located near neighborhood parks, schools, and Smith YMCA. Catherine will get sponsors to upkeep each Little Library. The Friends decided not to be a sponsor, but we approved to donate books for this project. We already donated 14 boxes of books left over from the September sale. Handouts with more information were distributed.
 - Denise talked about how to sustain the Library's donations to the Friends. In 2018 a major assessment of space will be conducted. The Friends will be asked for input; they would like someone from Black Road and from Ottawa St. to give them information about what kinds of space we need for our ongoing sales and for storage.
 - Denise also reported that the Library will be donating books to District 86 schools to set up a collection that will circulate among the schools. The Friends may get fewer children's and youth books for our sales, however, all other deleted books will be donated to the Friends.
 - The Library wants to include more community space in each building. They will hire a consultant. RFPs are going out.
 - Catherine A. suggested that the Friends could get our own carts that would be a different color and bigger than the ones used by library staff for reshelving books.

7. Funding Request Reports:

- We received a thank-you from the summer reading project – over 1000 people registered to participate.
- Lizzie Matkowski and Catherine Adamowski requested \$250 for pay for a speaker for Black History month. Motion to approve: Joe; Second: Ron; all in favor.
- Andrea Sowers requested \$1000 to buy books for the teen book club. Motion to approve: Ethel; second: Colleen; all in favor.
- Linda Atkinson requested \$1000 to purchase baby board books to give away to new parents and parents new to the library community as a way to introduce them to the library. Motion to approve: Margaret; second: Jim; all in favor.
- The Friends will purchase two stamps that say “Donated by the Friends of the Joliet Public Library” to stamp all books we donate in order to increase our publicity. Motion to approve: Susan; second: Margaret; all in favor.

8. Committee Reports:

- a. Membership: no report
- b. Fundraising: see Treasurer’s report
 - Thrift Books – 9 boxes from Black Road; 13 bins from Ottawa St. (incl. 2 bins of music CDs)
- c. Publicity: no report

9. Old Business:

- a. Book Sale shelves for Black Rd. ongoing sale – we will hold off until after the space study. We may need to adopt an intermediate plan until the Library finishes the reorganization.
- b. Thrift Books Facility visit – Leanne was able to go and brought back a report on how it is organized.

10. New Business:

- a. Election: Slate of Officers for 2018: President: Leanne Primrose-Brown; Vice President: Linda Aguilar; Treasurer: Frankie Overcash; Secretary: Katherine Howardson with Roxanne Schwarz as back-up. Motion to accept the slate of officers: Marilyn; second: Colleen; all in favor.
- b. 2018 meeting dates will be January 13th, March 10th, September 15th, November 10th
- c. Spring Book Sate at Black Road – tentatively set for late April depending on whether we have enough books to have a sale.
- d. Other options for sales will be: Kidzfest on Aug 4th, Star Wars Day on June 2nd.

11. Adjourn time: 12:25 pm.

Submitted by Linda Aguilar and Roxanne Schwarz

Approved on 1/13/2018