

Friends of the Joliet Public Library – Minutes September 16, 2023

1. Convene and Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.
2. Roll Call: Members Present: Dave Hlavac, Linda Aguilar, Frankie Overcash, Ron Likovic, Val Devine, Ethel Garrett, Marilyn Bohner, Joe Furlan, Paul Rak, Susan Rains, Laurence Dent
3. Agenda Additions: New funding request from Josh in DMS
4. Treasurer's Report: see handout for itemization of income and expenses.
Beginning balance as of 08/31/2023 = \$37,780.83
Income = \$10,678.82
Expenses = \$2,304.4
Balance as of 8/31/2023 = \$46,153.25
 - Motion to approve treasure's report was made by Ethel; second by Joe; motion approved.
5. Read and Approve Minutes from April 22, 2023
 - Motion to approve the minutes was made by Frankie; second by Ethel; motion approved.
6. Library News: Val Devine, Liaison
 - Using the Friends of the JPL tax ID# as a 503c non-profit organization enabled us to apply for and receive grant funding for Violins of Hope. The grant was \$3,500 which helped pay for the exhibit. Approximately 2000 people came through the exhibit while it was at the Ottawa Street Library. A recording of the presentation will be posted on the library website.
 - Val is working on procuring a new Holocaust exhibit for next year. It will only travel to 50 libraries in the U.S.
 - Check out the new website. The Friends page is located under the *About* tab on the dashboard, then click on *Support*. Val will inquire whether it can be made more visible from the homepage. There is Friends of Joliet Public Library Facebook page which can also be accessed through the Library's Facebook page (clink on the *Pages* link).
 - The Frida Kaho exhibit is here. Yesterday was Day 1, and there are already approximately 600 people who are "interested" on Facebook. We have an opportunity to sell merchandise associated with the exhibit (tote bags, books, etc.). We will split the profits 50/50 with College of DuPage (sponsor of the exhibit). We then will split our portion with the library. We will discuss and vote on this later under New Business.
7. Committee Reports:
 - Membership: Database
 - Paul reported that there are 116 entries on the Apricot database. For those members whose renewal dates were not in the system, he set dates at the end of this year to make sure all of them were given a full year. Moving forward, all members will get email notices when it is time for them to renew.
 - We will be able to use the new system for sending emails about the meetings, sales, etc.
 - Members will be able to renew their membership online, and new people can join online.
 - The goal is for others to learn how to use the Wild Apricot database. Contact Paul if you are interested in being trained in how to use it.
 - Publicity:
 - Currently, we are using the library's website for most of our publicity.

- Posters for the October book sale are up at both branches.

8. Old Business:

- Thrift Books Update: (See handout *Profit Sharing Statement* from July)
 - July/August – we shipped 2 bins from each branch at the end of August. We don't see the results from each shipment until later. We will probably send 2 more bins at the end of this month. Marilyn is using a new site for scanning that allows her to select books to send to Thrift that people are requesting and that are selling for higher prices. Joe and Marilyn keep a list of books that have values over \$100.
 - A subcommittee met to discuss whether to participate in the Baker and Taylor Sustainable Shelves program in addition to sending books to Thrift.
 - Motion to approve was made by Marilyn; seconded by Susan; motion approved.

9. New Business:

- Funding Request from Joshua Phillips, Digital Media Studio, for \$2,260.79 for a new projection kit, LED tube lights, and other accessories.
 - Motion to approve made by Ron; second by Lawrence; motion approved.
- Book Sale: October 20 to 22 at Black Road
 - Dave will send an email to the Friends asking for volunteers to help with set up and the sale.
 - Hours will be similar to the spring sale which was Friday evening 5 – 7 p.m. – members only; Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. – regular sale; Sunday 1 – 3 p.m. – bag sale
 - Publicity is ongoing; Mallory will send out a press release.
- Officer Nominations, two positions will be open, President and Treasurer, however, all positions are available for nomination.
 - Dave will not be running for president. Frankie would like to step down but agreed to serve one more year if needed. Linda agreed to serve another year. John is willing to serve as president or continue as vice president. Lawrence expressed an interest in running for office.
- Selling Frida Kaho merchandise through the Friends (previously discussed during Val's library update).
 - Motion to approve made by Ron; second by Marilyn; motion approved.

10. Announcements: none

11. Adjourn time: 12:01 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Marilyn; second by Ethel; motion approved.