

Friends of the Library

October 25, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Kathleen Habermehl at 7:10 p.m. Members present were Judy Ackermann, Donna Biondo, Annette Bland, Barb Gerstenecker, Kathleen Habermehl, JoAnne Odem, Crystal Synder, Michelle Perjak, Debbie Row, and Diane Stechmesser.

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes were read by Debbie Row from the July 26, 2021 meeting. JoAnne Odem made a motion to accept the minutes and Judy Ackermann seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Letters of thanks were read from Songs4Soldiers for our \$500.00 donation to their event and from a young patron for the Summer Reading Program.

Treasurer's Report: The report was presented and keeping with the budget. Diane Stechmesser made a motion to approve the report and JoAnne Odem seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Librarian's Report: Annette Bland reported that 96 families participated in the Non-Resident Library Card Program since it began in 2019. A total of \$196.85 was made at the Book Sale held at the Festifall. The Shred Event in October brought 120 cars in for this service. The library was awarded \$11,795.00 in grant money from the state. The grant money is to be used to implement two early literacy stations as well as an educational tablet that will be directed for ages 2-12. Annette presented a report on October 4, 2021 to the City Council.

Crystal Schneider stated there has been good attendance with the current programs that the library has been offering. The Gingerbread House Program will be in November with 15 families attending each session in the morning and the afternoon.

Old Business: The two committees that were formed at the last meeting to discuss and update the by-laws for the Friends made their reports. The first committee provided information on updating the language of the first five Articles and Articles 7 and 8 which includes membership, meetings, officers and their duties, amendments and parliamentary procedure. The by-laws were last updated in January of 2000. The Finance Committee is still working on Article 6 which includes the distribution of assets. They are setting budgets for the programs and for the librarians as well. They will report again at the next meeting with their continued work.

New Business: There will be a yearly cap on the Non-Resident Library Card Program. We will look into setting up Zoom for the members who can't attend the meetings in person, so they can participate as well.

Next Meeting: January 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Michelle Perjak made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Judy Ackermann seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Row

Secretary of Friends of the Library