

Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2015

Friends of the L. E. Phillips Memorial Public Library

CONVENED: Monday, May 18, 2015, at 7:00 PM, at the Public Library, by President Glenda Winders

PRESENT:

Board Members:

X Glenda Winders, President

Tim Haukeness, Past President

X  Linda Stelter, Vice President

X Donna Weidman, Treasurer

X  Brenda Brant, Secretary

X Penny France, Trustee Representative

X  Grace Rich, Member at Large

X Karen Overhulser, Member at Large

X Anne Arneson, Administrative Coordinator

X John Stoneberg, Library Director & Ex Officio Member

Others Present, if any:

Angie Sommers, Coordinator

Lynda Higgins, Book Sale Volunteer

Call to order (Winders)

Motion to approve Minutes from the meeting held February 16, 2015 (Stelter)

- Motion made by Karen; Linda Seconded; all approved

Call for additions to agenda and announcements (Stelter)

- o Talk about annual meeting.

Treasurer's report (Weidman)

- \$133 postage for newsletter. There was an overcharge from the library for ~\$200.
- Salaries higher because of Ann's salary. Regular telephone and other charges.
- February 2015 Checking account balance: \$21,176.37. Financial position: \$57,371.96.
- Motion made by Linda; seconded by Brenda; all approved.
- Fill the treasurer position:

- o Can we change bylaws to extend someone's limit on terms?
- § Usually the hardest position to fill on the board.
- § Changing bylaws is usually a lengthy process.
- § Review in July with new board members.
- o Ann received an email today from a volunteer from Beaver Creek.
- o Donna to contact this prospect.

Library Director's report (Stoneberg):

- Possibility of putting those who had donations of over \$1000 in their name on the donor wall.
- Board meets after this meeting.
- ~95% sure US Bank will sell their drive up to the city.
- o By 2017 a city plaza could be possible and larger request from Friends.
- o Library property may extend into Eau Claire St which would give more space for outdoor space. Progress being made.
- Grace may be willing to do a presentation at the Wisconsin Library Association conference in fall.
- o WLA's Trustees and Friends committee would like participants for their panel on growing Friends' organizations in medium size libraries. Meeting Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> in Wisconsin Rapids. Library to pay expenses for the conference.
- o Angie is willing to go.
- Big turn over on the Library Board – looking for someone who lives in the county and not the city.
- o Brenda will discuss with John.
- Annual LEPMPL requests:
  - o \$20,000 total request. ~\$25,500 in checking right now. Second membership mailing going out will bring in funds.
- § Makey Makey: to invent by alligator clips to the Makey Makey device.
  - Have a grant but need supplies.
- § Squishy circuits: conducting electricity through homemade play dough to build circuits to power lights and motors to do electrical engineering.
  - Need money for supplies and programming.

§ The gifts from Friends provide extras for the public and attract patrons.

§ Brenda made a motion to fund the requests as presented. Donna seconded.

Board Liaison Report (France): Penny not present.

Coordinator's report and committee updates/questions (Arneson):

178 paid memberships ~\$6500 – about 46% of renewals received to date.

Annual meeting mailing will go out soon with a press release.

5 new donations for In Honor Of program.

3 events that needed volunteers. Picked up annual meeting supplies.

Issa presented a Historical Society book event they would like the Friends will sponsor.

Asking friends to help find volunteers in return for 10% of the authors' book sales.

WI Historical Society Month in May featuring Wisconsin authors.

Book signing would be at the library

Issa also Heirloom seed library through our library starting in April.

Kudos to Ann filling in for Angie!

Book Sale report (Higgins):

Another new intern on board researching new tables.

Grace created a new EBay account and listed 3 items.

Checking into possibility of an EBay store.

Researching the Abe book sale site.

Listing some items on Craigslist.

New display storage for magazines.

\$48 from selling old text books which used to be thrown out.

Old Business:

· Annual Meeting Update (Arneson):

o Invitations are ready.

o Coupons for volunteers with 20 plus hour to pick out t-shirt or water bottles when they attend.

o Jerry Epps will be selling books himself with his own signage.

o Cookies and bars from board members.

o No distinguished service award this year.

§ Intros from current president, Glenda.

· Elect new board members.

· Introduce existing members.

· Introduce Jerry Epps.

- o Jerry has advertised the event on his own website.
- o Sending press release and paid ad in Volume One.
- o Angie to check with Issa on having an ad in rotation on the website.
- o Please forward names of any prospects to Donna or Tim.

New Business:

- Grace spends a lot of money paying for parking in the metered areas of the library.
- o Probably spends ~\$25 a month.
- o Would paying for a quarterly pass for parking on the bridge? There are no passes for parking down below and library staff isn't allowed to park downstairs or on Eau Claire Street. Free parking is available in the parking ramp. John will talk to the transportation engineer to see what can be done where it could be a similar pass.
- o Designated spot for certain hours? Usually her Mon/Wed/Thurs and more during book sale weeks.
- o Would there be issues with others wanting the same. Her position is unique in the time commitment.
- Templates for In Honor Of donations are still reading Bookmarks Remembrance.
- o Will remove the picture that's on them of a dad and son fishing and use the new logo design.

No motion to adjourn is needed.