

# Friends of Eureka Library Meeting Minutes

**September 19, 2017**

Present: Robin Staudenmeier, Sara Kaufman, Gladys Simenc, Deb Snyder, Ann Reeves, Wanda Robinson, Jana Kinney, Sandy Walles, Marj Crowe, Linda Hood, Kathy Zeio, Alice Mooberry, Barbara Pitlik, Sharon Hanner

Next meeting: March, 2018 at 1 PM at Eureka Public Library

## **Announcements**

- Welcome – Robin Staudenmeier
- Minutes from last meeting were read by Deb Snyder and approved.
- Ann Reeves reported balance on hand as of today of \$5,588.79.

## **Old Business**

- Antique appraisal was held on May 5th from 4-7 PM. Expenses were \$562. Deposit was \$765. Proceeds equal \$203.
- Book and Plant Sale was on May 20 from 8-12 PM. Proceeds from book sale were \$446.
- Midwest Choice Book Sale was on July 13 and 14. Proceeds were only \$90. This event will not be repeated. This event did connect the library with author, Jerry Eicher, who came to the library later for a talk about his writing process.
- Wrap-up for the summer reading program was on July 25, 2017. The cost was \$318.75.
- The Continual Silent Auction was discussed. There were two baskets auctioned during the summer reading program. The proceeds were \$66. It was decided to discontinue the idea of a continual silent auction. Auctions could be part of other events sponsored by Friends of the Library such as the quarter auction.
- Children's train table and a movable transportation wall unit was purchased for \$342.54 and installed by Zack Sancken. An article was published in the Woodford County Journal.

## **Upcoming Events**

- Shopping Bus Trip tickets are due on October 6. As of September 15, 43 have signed up and \$1900 has been paid. There are 15 openings. Bus trip is October 17.
- Quarter Auction will be November 6.
  - Volunteers needed for set-up and clean-up.
  - Need donations of auction items. (Examples: lawn ornament, Christmas decorations, bags, pot holders, jewelry, scarves, Eureka business cards) Donations can be brought to the library preferably one week before auction.
  - Encourage attendance by attending yourself and bringing your friends.
- National Friends of the Library Week will be the week of October 15-21, 2017. Dues are \$15 annually. A poster will be displayed at entrance of the library showing pictures of our fund raising events.
  - A motion was approved to purchase 150 foldable bags at a cost of \$491.22. This is \$3.27 per bag. Bags can hold several books and still fold up into a small bag that fits inside your purse. Bags will be given to first time Friends of the Library members and to people outside our library district who pay for a library membership. Bags can also be purchased for \$5 per bag.
- National Library Workers' Day is April 28, 2018. Sharon Hanner, Linda Hood, and Sara Kaufman will bring a recommendation for this event to our March meeting.
- Grandparents and Grandchildren Day will be first Saturday in November.
- Visit with Santa will be the Saturday after Thanksgiving. E-mail will be sent requesting volunteers.
- Taste of Eureka is October 6. Library will need at least one volunteer.

**New Business**

- Inter-government Agreement was made between the library and Unit 140. The library will furnish a student card for students outside of library district. In exchange District 140 will provide free snow removal, use of Davenport gym for library events, and some maintenance.
- The purchase of an LED display sign was discussed. Library board has not made a decision on this purchase. A quote was given by Martin Signs in Metamora for \$6800 with volunteer installation. Sign would be similar in size to the sign at Liberty Bible Church. Main advantage was the ease of marketing library events. A disadvantage was concern for the distraction a flashing sign would cause on an already busy street. It was decided to ask the board for more information.