

Friends of Eureka Library

Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2016

Present: Robin Staudenmeier, Sara Kaufman, Gladys Simenc, Barbara Pitlick, Deb Snyder, Joan Herron, Marilyn Walter, Deanne Davidson, Sharon Hanner, Cindy O'Neill, Robin Richey, Anne Reeves, Susan Bressner

Next meeting: **To Be Determined**

1. Announcements

- Welcome
- Minutes from last meeting on August 25th were read and approved.
- Balance in our treasury as of November 1 is \$5429.72.
- Bus trip had 46 people attend and a profit of \$910.13.
- There are 47 membership renewals as of this date.
- Library elevator fund currently has \$52,000 in donations.

2. Old Business

- The Elevate Reading Gala will be held on Thursday, January 26, at Eureka College Cerf Center starting at 6 PM. Tickets will go on sale at the library on November 28 and will cost \$50. Doors will open at 5 PM and first hour will give guests an opportunity to view auction items. Dinner will start around 6:15. There will be a silent auction and a live auction.
 - Speakers will be Chuck Staley, Anna Lively, and Nancy Ryan. MC and auctioneer will be Craig Gerdes.
 - Cost of the meal is about \$17. Gladys Simenc made a motion for Friends of the Library to underwrite the cost of the meal. Joan Herron seconded. Motion carried. Cost is estimated at about \$3800.
 - Capacity of room is about 220 people at 8 per table. Final count will be needed by January 19 at noon. Buffet will be in the lobby with dessert and salad at the table.
 - Sue Knepp will handle table reservations.
 - The college will not charge for the room.
 - Sharon Hanner made a motion that Friends of the Library underwrite cost of a cash bar for one hour. Marilyn Walter seconded. Motion carried. Charges are about \$35 to set-up and \$20 per hour for bartender. Bar will be in the lobby. Only beer and wine will be available.
 - Anne Reeves displayed four options for table decorations. It was decided to use a blue color theme and use old books to create decorations. There will be a craft day on November 28 at the library to make the crafts. Volunteer hours will be 9:30-11:00 AM and 1-3 PM.
- Susan Bressner discussed a Quarter Auction to be held on November 6 at Eureka Christian Church starting at 6 PM. Food will be furnished by Eureka Christian Church Ladies. Charge will be \$2 for paddle and \$1 for admission. You can buy more than one paddle. Items are donated and vendors pay \$10 to participate.
- Cindy O'Neill reported on Antique Appraisal by Mark Moran. Mark has been on Antique Roadshow. Event is about 3 hours long and he appraises about 40 items. Cost of appraisal is \$15 for each item. Profit is about \$200. Tentative date is May 5. Sara Kaufman made a motion that we pursue this fundraiser. Deanne Davidson seconded. Motion carried.

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- Ann reported on other volunteer activities. Taste of Eureka had about 230 people visit the library booth. Shelving books before remodeling was done by high school and community volunteers. Shelving may be donated by a library in Chicago.

3. New Business

- Volunteer opportunities
 - Volunteer is needed with a truck to haul hard board from Menards to library.
 - Holiday Stroll will be afternoon of November 26. Volunteers will be needed.
 - Craft day will be November 28 at the library to create gala table decorations.
 - Members were given an auction donation form and an auction item category list.to help in soliciting auction donations.
 - Someone is needed to play piano at the gala.
- Next meeting will be announced.