

Friends of Eureka Library Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2018

- **Present:** Robin Staudenmeier, Gladys Simenc, Deb Snyder, Ann Reeves, Marj Crowe, Rachael Fitz, Ellen and Bob Greeley
- Welcome – Robin Staudenmeier
- Minutes from last meeting were read by Deb Snyder and approved.
- Ann Reeves reported balance on hand as of August 31, 2018 is \$6,716.60. Deposits were \$815 which consisted of renewal dues and bus tickets. Expenses of \$384.18 consisted of postage, expenses for Library Week, and \$250 for rental of inflatables for the Summer Reading Program Finale.

Old Business – Ann Reeves

- Ann said the staff wished to thank us for National Library Week events.
- Book sale and craft swap yielded \$362 which was used to purchase books.
- The Summer Reading Program was the best year ever. Slightly more children enrolled and more pages read. Adults had 137 enrolled and 70% finished the program.

New Business/Upcoming Events

- Robin reported that the annual membership drive was begun in September during National Library Month. Dues are \$15.
- Robin reported that a Craft Swap is scheduled for October 6. Remember to donate items.
- Ann reported that the bus trip is October 16. Forty-one seats are reserved. There are 11 seats still available at a cost of \$50.
- Robin reported that the Quarter Auction is December 3. Volunteers needed to set-up and clean-up. Remember to submit items for sale. Kitchen volunteers are Laura Siscoe and Sharon Hanner.
- Ann discussed a possible fundraiser. Midwest Farm Charms is a business in Lacon that teaches classes on how to make wood signs using stencils. The class size is around 15 students. The business charges \$35 per student. Library would increase price to make a profit. Proposal was approved and library will schedule sometime before Christmas.
- Robin introduced Maker Space, a DIY project for middle school and high school students. Classes of 10-12 students would sign-up to learn how to build or create something as a team. Basic skills might include: sewing, crocheting, knitting, 3D printing, or maintenance on a bicycle, etc. Classes would be after school from 3:45 to 5 PM. Friends of Eureka Library would support with money for tools, ideas, and volunteers. Proposal was approved. There will be a brainstorming meeting for ideas on Thursday, September 27, at 1 PM at the library.
- Robin introduced a proposal for a Maple Lawn Outreach Day. Since it was decided not to participate in the Maple Lawn Farmers' Market, an outreach day at Maple Lawn was proposed instead. The AC Home already has a library delivery system in place. Connie Hodel, an employee at the library, already delivers books to 17 – 20 people at the AC Home and local residents living in their own homes on Fridays. A Maple Lawn event would help more people at Maple Lawn apartments and duplexes sign-up for the service. The event is tentatively scheduled for October 29, 2018. The event will be similar to an open house. Volunteers and library staff will be available to tell about the program and help people sign-up. Refreshments will be served. Flyers may be distributed at a later date. This event will also be discussed at the meeting on September 27, 2018.
- Next meeting – March 21, 2019 at 1:00 PM