

Friends of Eureka Library Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2017

Present: Robin Staudenmeier, Sara Kaufman, Gladys Simenc, Deb Snyder, Ann Reeves, Wanda Robinson, Jana Kinney, Linda Schumacher, Sandy Walles, Marj Crowe

Next meeting: September 12, 2017, 1:00 PM, 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 April 30 is \$4219.08.
- We were given a copy of the membership roster. Renewals will take place in October during National Friends of the Library Week.

Old Business

- The Elevate Reading Gala raised over \$15,000. The total raised for the entire fund drive was over \$80,000. As of March 1, the elevator is paid in full.
- Antique appraisal will be this Friday, May 5th from 4-7 PM. There are 52 slots and all are filled. The Friends of the Library will receive \$260.

New Business

- Sarah Kaufman reported on a Friends of the Library Group Meeting with surrounding library groups. Some of the subjects discussed were book sale ideas, fundraisers, and donations to military using Operation Paperback, donations to jails and prisons, and adopting a small library in a third world country.
- Ann Reeves reported on possible future projects that Friends could sponsor.
 - Short- Term Projects
 - A motion was made to approve a wrap-up celebration for the summer reading program for both kids and adults. Activities would include music, bounce houses, and root beer floats. Friends will cover estimated expense of \$300-\$400 including cost of Davenport gym in case of rain. Date will be July 20 from 6:30-8 PM. Motion was carried.
 - A motion was made and approved to purchase the first of several interactive toys for the children's library. Sandy Walles volunteered to help with the selection. This first toy will cost approximately \$400.
 - Long-Term Projects were discussed and tabled until September meeting.
 - The children's area could use an updated circulation area. New area would be curved with two desks and closed storage.
 - A second floor room is currently being used for youth activities for middle school students. Library would like to expand this program and refurbish room.
- Future Fund Raising
 - Book and Plant Sale will be May 20 from 8-12 PM. This event is during the Eureka Community Garage Sale. Need volunteers to help with set-up and sales.
 - Another Quarter Auction will be scheduled for November.
 - Midwest Choice Book Sale will be held on July 13 and 14. Books are both fiction and nonfiction and include both adult and children's books. Cost per book ranges between \$2 and \$3. Library furnishes space. Volunteers needed to help with advertising.
 - Continual Silent Auction was discussed. It was decided to have two baskets auctioned during summer reading program. Robin will make a beach read theme basket and Marj will make a

- basket for kids. Library staff will maintain binder of bids. Depending on success of this auction later auctions could be planned of art or baskets.
- New membership drive will be discussed at next meeting.
 - National Library Workers' Day is Tuesday, April 18, 2018. Events for this day will be discussed at next meeting.
 - Youth Book Drive to focus on high school students will also be discussed at next meeting in September.
- Other Volunteer Activities
 - Young Mom's support will be solicited at Summer Reading Program Wrap-up on July 20. We can solicit memberships and feedback.
 - Ann suggested that volunteers refer to the Friend's page at the library web site for other volunteer activities and information.
 - Meeting concluded with a tour of the children's library and use of the new elevator.