Minutes of Friends of Eureka Public Library (FOL) Meeting

July 5, 2023

Attendees: Rose Halpern, Deb Houch, Connie Klein, Cindy O’Neill, Deb Snyder, Karen Stalter, Robin Staudenmeier, Debbie Zook

Treasurer’s Report: Income from the spring book sale was $252.75. The Friends paid $10,000 toward the purchase of a new desk area in the children’s library; The Board paid the remaining $3,000. The Friends have a balance of $4,595 as of June 30, 2023.

National Friends of the Library week is October 15 – 21, 2023. This year’s theme is “Friend Your Library”. We will not hold a special kickoff for this since we will be busy working on a new fund-raiser: a Road Rally. However, we will still have a poster display and table set up during the week. Robin will bring our task sheet and related items to the next meeting.

Road Rally. Deb Houch brought information about a road rally that she was involved in through her church prior to the Covid epidemic. It should provide a fun, community-oriented experience for library supporters as well as generate some income for the FOL.

* Connie Klein is the chair for this project.
* The date of the Rally is set for Saturday, October 28, 2023. Cost $10 per person which would include a snack box at the end of the trip. Rally cars would sign up ahead of time and be spaced 5 minutes apart, leaving from the pavilion between 12:30 and 3:00 p.m. (Total possible cars 40)
* Suggestions for generating interest and getting volunteers included
  + Distributing flyers during membership drive, at the IGA, and other locations
  + Soliciting a competition between town businesses
  + Enlisting the help/support of book clubs
  + Getting sponsors to provide supplies
* Tasks to complete prior to the next meeting
  + Draft flyer for individuals and businesses (Robin)
  + Cross check-FOL membership list with Business Association Members (\* Note since the meeting, Cindy has reported that Susan Bressner, Deanna Davidson, and Dawn Maloney) are on both lists).
  + Debbie Zook will price snacks. Robin can make snack boxes.
  + Find a venue to finish the road rally. (Rose and Connie).
* Some items to work on at the next meeting
  + Generate a task sheet including tasks, timeline, and person(s) responsible
  + Donations

**Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 8 at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

E. Robin Staudenmeier