

Friends of the Library March 2023 Minutes

Attendees – Amy Hecke , Kelley Nordberg, Sue Patrick, Darci Hildebrand, Paul Carlson, Teresa Weixelman, Lori Shermoen

Library Update

- Building update - Volunteers moved stuff on 3/3/23. They are currently working on the new elevator shaft. Framing should be starting soon. The Library Board members will be taking a tour of the basement. They received the sign from Kaw Valley State Bank and it will be displayed once construction is completed.
- Grant updates - Darci continues to send out grant requests.
- Planning for Summer Reading continues.

Financial Report

- Current balance - \$90,369.13

Old Business

- Secretary position still open. Please send Amy the names and contact info of anyone interested.
- Hoo Haw - Becky is meeting with the Boys and Girls Club tomorrow to update them on the status and the plan for ticket sales.
- FWPL Scholarship - Amy will email the school counselors with a reminder that applications are due 3/31/23. Darci has offered to attend the WHS Scholarship Award Ceremony on 5/17/23 from 1:30pm-3pm, as the FWPL representative. Amy and Sue offered to be on the scholarship review committee. Amy will send an email to the membership list asking for at least one more person to be on the committee.
- City Wide Garage Sale - The date set by the Smoke Signal is 4/29/23. Amy suggests holding the sale on Friday, 4/28/23 and Saturday, 4/29/23. Specific sale times will be discussed at the April Meeting. Amy will email the membership list requesting volunteers for set up, working the sale and clean up. More info will be provided after the April meeting. Volunteers are welcome to bring their own items to sell, but they must provide their own table and change box, unless they want their proceeds donated to the library. Kelley and Darci will mark the large items. Signs will need to be made for the prices of smaller items and indicating that all proceeds go to the WPL. Darci and Kelley will also make a list of times for the ad that will be placed in the Smoke Signal. Amy will provide Lori with the amount of money and denominations for the change box.

New Business

- Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Grant expenses - Darci asked the FWPL to help with the purchase of the new basement refrigerator and installation of appliances. There was \$403 left over from the grant and \$295 was needed. Sue motioned for the FWPL to cover the remaining \$295, Lori seconded. Motion passed.

- By Laws. - Suggested changes were discussed and updates made. Amy will make the recommended changes and send out to the membership list to review and offer any additional input. A vote to accept the updated By Laws will be scheduled for the April meeting. If passed, the updated By Laws will be communicated to the appropriate governing body for approval.
- Increasing Membership and Participation - Some discussion, but will plan to move to the April agenda.
- Monthly Activity List - Some discussion, but will plan to move to the April agenda.
- FoKL Challenge Grant due 4/1/23 - It was determined by Lori and Kelley that the FWPL is not eligible to apply for this grant this year. Kelley reports that FoKL wants to tour the library, but they have been informed about our construction and will contact us to possibly host them Summer of 2024.
- Change Date of July Friends meeting - currently scheduled on 7/4/23. Lori motioned to change the date to Tuesday, 7/11/23. Teresa seconded. Motion passed.
- Monday, March 20, 7pm. Liquid Arts/Duffy program @ Columbian Theatre - Amy offers to have a FWPL table with membership info and marketing items.

Important Dates Coming Up / Announcements:

- Friday, March 10, 6pm. YA+ How to Play tabletop Games
- Monday, March 13, 530pm. YA/Parent Breakout Box - Spring Version
- Monday, March 20, 7pm. Liquid Arts/Duffy program @ Columbian Theatre
- Tuesday, March 21, 12pm. Adult Book Club
- Tuesday, March 28, 530pm. Small Business Social Media Part II
- Tuesday, April 4, 6pm Friends Monthly Meeting

All programs held at the Senior Center until noted