

Minutes for the March 13,2022, meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library

The March 13, 2022, meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the president, Lydia Spruhan.

There were 16 in attendance.

Ken Sosnowski commented on the death of John Spruhan and the elevation of Lydia Spruhan to president. Lydia commented on her father's long relationship with the library starting in 2010 when they moved here. She thanked people for their cards and other expressions of sympathy to her mother and her. Ann Tripp talked about John's commitment to the library and his involvement through the Friends and in other ways..

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. Bill Chaffin moved they be approved as read. That motion was seconded and passed.

Ken Sosnowski talked in general terms about the Friends funds and spending. He mentioned that the dues information on the address labels has resulted in better collection of dues. He also gave an overview (with a handout) of what the job of treasurer entails. He also mentioned that the renovations for the children's area we appropriated funds for came in \$300.00 under budget.

Using Amazon Smiles was discussed. Lydia is planning to put together a handout on how it works for the next meeting. We still need to find out about a Krogers program that might benefit the Friends.

OLD BUSINESS

Annie talked about the status of the children's area renovation. There is a supply problem with the new flooring so that part may have to be delayed. The city had appropriated the funds for that part of the renovation. Other items for the area have come in. The display towers have also come in and were at the meeting for members to see.

Two books involving movies were purchased in memory of Chris Gladden. One of these involved Appalachia. A book on Ireland was purchased in memory of Sara Ahalt. A purchase still needs to be made in memory of Bob McClannahan. World War II, Southwest Virginia, and Virginia Tech were mentioned as possible topics.

NEW BUSINESS

This year's art show will be on Saturday, May 14 from 2 to 4pm. The art will be in the main area of the library using the display towers. There will be grab-and-go craft kits and individually packaged snacks and drinks. The staff request is for \$150.00 for the craft kits and \$50.00 for the invitations for a total of \$200.00.

Bill Chaffin moved we appropriate up to \$200.00 for the Art Show and Amanda Beachum seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Anne Trip provided handouts and discussed the summer programs for children, youth, and adults. The staff is requesting \$3,025.00 for these programs. She also mentioned that the children's librarian is now also in charge of the youth programs with some assistance from David Butler as time and need allow.

Sally Childers moved we appropriate up to \$3,025.00 for the summer reading programs. Bill Chaffin seconded and the motion passed.

The Friends have lost another member who was very active in Book Sale prep as long as her health permitted, Marcia Kelly. She was particularly interested in gardening and mysteries.

It was moved and seconded to appropriate up to \$100.00 to purchase a book (or books) in her memory for the library.

We had some discussion of using the community room or tents or a combination for the annual book sale.

Ideas for moving the March meeting and/or having a spring sale were tabled.

The next meeting of the Friends will be July 10, 2022, at 2:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary