

Friends of the Timothy C. Hauenstein Reynolds Township Library

Meeting Minutes for September 13, 2023

Members and guests present: Pat Bauman, Sue Lyon, Judy Parker, Sharon McInnis, Sandy Saliers, Jan Malmo, Sharon Willett, Sue Bogardus, Deb Behrenwald, Cheryl Smith-Director.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Jan Malmo at 10:00 a.m.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sandy Saliers reported a beginning balance of \$3758.58. Deposits of \$102.00, \$143.00 and \$278.00 from quilt ticket sales. Book sale - \$263.00 and \$330.70 Music in the Park concessions bringing the current balance to \$4875.28. *Motioned by Sue L. and seconded by Pat B.* Motion Carried.

Director's Report – Cheryl Smith

- Reported on programs and events currently happening at the library. Please pick up a copy of the monthly Library Calendar as many of these events fill up fast!
- Cheryl has viewed the bike rack in production. It is nearly completed and should be installed by the next F.O.L. meeting. F.O.L. will owe \$1000.00 upon completion. Everyone is excited to see it installed near the White Pine Trail for all to enjoy!
- Cheryl will be purchasing the new Christmas tree for the library. The approved budget for the tree is \$500-800.
- Starting Saturday, October 1st, the library will be open on Saturdays.

Book Review: The next Book Club will meet Sept. 27 @ 1:00 p.m. The book for discussion is "The Day the World Came to Town" by Jim DeFede.

Old Business

Harvest Festival – Pat B. reported on ticket sales and schedule for sales at Leppinks (Friday) and day of H.F. The remaining time slots were filled. Also, Congratulations to Pat and Don Bauman this year's Grand Marshals for the Harvest Festival. Cricket will post on the library site where tickets can be purchased. Details were discussed as to number of tables needed, times of sale, displaying the quilts for all to see, drawing time and contacting winners. Thank you, Pat, for your work on this.

Halloween Event w/ Luke Gitchel – Gail & Cricket have been working on this. Luke Gitchel has been in contact with the library. He and his band would like to do a music event to benefit the library with a Halloween theme (costumes optional). The date will be Friday, October 27th. The location and time are TBD. Cheryl has been in contact with Dwight from Venue on Ensley and he may be willing to host this event w/ snacks provided by his caterers at a nominal cost. This will be a great opportunity for the library and Venue on Ensley. Cricket will post info on the website as soon as details are available.

Festive Tree Challenge/Silent Auction – November 15-27 trees will be decorated. November 28-December 2 voting in the library by patrons until 2:00 p.m. The winner of \$100.00 will be announced at the Tree Lighting Ceremony evening of December 2. For the Silent Auction, Deb B. & Sharon W. will be sending a letter to area businesses explaining the Christmas Tree Challenge/Silent Auction and how they can help with donations of goods/services. Deb & Sharon will follow up by contacting those who haven't responded or collecting items businesses wish to donate. A copy of this letter will be on file. Donations need to be at the library by 11/20 so that Jan & Sue can catalog and display the items. Items will be on display to "bid on" from 11/27 – 12/2. Sue B. & Deb B. will notify winners on Monday, October 4 that their items can be picked up at the library.

Garden Tour – Scheduled for June 8, 2024, with rain date June 15, 2024. Garden hosts expressing interest are Sylvia Gabel, Jennifer Arnold (Pierson), Shelly Ludtke (Howard City) Mary Bach (Morley). All gardeners will need to be contacted early 2024 to confirm their commitment.

New Business

FOL Pens-Jan expressed to us that as we have a quantity of FOL pens, we should give them out at events or to those who may become a "Friend". Also discussed doing the same with our bookmarks.

Bird House Art Auction-Jan talked about a possible fundraiser where FOL would have birdhouses built for patrons to purchase and paint/decorate. Then the birdhouse would be auctioned or possibly a competition to vote on the best birdhouse. This could coincide with the library having a guest speaker about birds. The winner would be announced at that time. Looking toward March for this to take place. Birdhouses would have to be constructed. Cricket or Deb will contact Corey Renner @ high school to see if one of his woods classes could construct them.

Give a Book/Take a Book -There was a short discussion regarding the "Give a Book, Take a Book" houses in HC. The one at Leppinks needs some TLC and re-stock of children's books. Sue B. said she would check it occasionally. For today, Pat B. will take some children's books left from the book sale to replenish the house.

Adjournment- *Motioned by* Pat B. and *seconded by* Sue B. to adjourn at 11:32 a.m. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 11 @ 10:00 a.m.