

Friends of the Timothy C. Hauenstein Reynolds Township Library

Meeting Minutes for November 8, 2023

Friends and Guests Present: Sharon Willett, Gail Whelan, Pat Bauman, Judy Parker, Sue Bogardus, Sandy Saliers, Jan Malmo, Deb Behrenwald

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President, Jan Malmo at 10:05 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes: *Motioned by Sharon W. and seconded by Judy P.* to approve the October 11, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy S. reported a beginning balance of \$4875.28. Checks were written to Sharon W. \$72.32 (Music in the Park), Library \$1,000 (bike rack), Mike Smith \$130.70 (bird house materials), Library \$764.37 (Christmas tree). Deposits in the amt. of \$209, \$514, \$136 (quilt ticket sales) bringing the current balance to \$4661.96. *Motioned by Sue B. and seconded by Gail W.* to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. Sandy also shared that the total ticket sales for the quilt were \$1382.00 minus quilt expenses of \$378.00 leaving \$1003.85 profit.

Director's Report: Cheryl Smith

- The bike rack is installed and looks great!
- Walking the Stacks is happening Tues./Thurs. from 8:00-9:00 a.m.
- Wreath Class – still has openings.
- Writer's Club will meet 11/13 at 3:00 p.m.
- The library is open on Saturdays now.
- The library will have tile work done 12/14 in the entryway. The side door will be open so service will not be interrupted. Curbside delivery will also be available that day if you choose.
- Reminder that decorating the trees for Festive Tree Challenge will be 11/15-11/27. Seven trees have been spoken for already.

Book Review: The next Book Club will be 11/29 (fifth Wednesday) at 1:00 p.m. The book for discussion this month will be If I Were You by Lynn Austin. Noted that she's also the author of Waves of Mercy about Holland, MI.

OLD BUSINESS

Festive Tree Challenge/Silent Auction: Dates to decorate 11/15-11/27. FOL members discussed incorporating the items collected from businesses with donations from FOL members into baskets with themes or like items. FOL members available on 11/20 at 10:00 a.m. will meet to organize baskets and display all silent auction items.

Garden Tour: No change

Bird House Art Prize: Thirty bird houses are being built by the TC shop class students. *Motioned by Gail W. and approved by Sharon W.*, the following: Patrons will purchase birdhouses for \$10.00. There will be three categories for awards: kids 3-12 yrs., teens 13-19yrs., adults 20 +. The birdhouses must be decorated and returned to the library by 3/20/24. Voting will take place 3/26 (day prior to Birding Event). The winners will be announced at the Birding Event on 3/27/24 at 6:00 p.m. hosted by Greg Bodker. Each winner will receive a blue ribbon and an age-appropriate book on birds/birding. Motion carried. Also, the Daily News / Elizabeth Waldon will be contacted to cover this.

NEW BUSINESS

Next monthly meeting: The 12/13/23 meeting will be our Christmas Party (after a short business meeting). Each FOL member please bring a Christmas appetizer/snack and a wrapped book (new or gently used) for exchange. Cheryl will have an “exchange” game. Everyone is also encouraged to invite a friend to join us.

Nominations Committee: Three members are needed to gather nominees for FOL office positions. The open offices: Treasurer

Adjournment: *Motioned by* Pat B. and *seconded by* Judy P. to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: 12/13/23 @ 10:00 a.m.