

Friends of the Crystal Lake Library Minutes

September 16, 2013

Present: Sandy Rupert, Bob Finger, Raneë Strawn, Karen Migaldi, Jan Polep, Barb Mallowney, Deb Wright, Ann Wells, Alice Fellers.

Location: Panera, Crystal Lake

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Move to accept minutes for July 15th as corrected, by Raneë Strawn and seconded by Barb Mallowney. Minutes will be posted to FOCLL website.

President's Report: Ann Wells submitted her resignation at an Executive Meeting held on September 13th.

Treasurer's Report: Financial report handed out by Ann. \$1465 was made with our Market Days Fundraiser per Deb Wright. Jan said that July/August Market Days check was deposited on 9/16/13. Jan made a motion to hire Nancy Gonsiorek to handle our accounting procedures that are above and beyond what we do (our treasurer makes deposits, write checks and reconciles our statements.) Nancy would do the following: file our 990 to the IRS and to the IL Attorney General's office, make a compilation of our yearly records and advise as needed. Raneë seconded and the motion was approved.

Website: Bob is continuing to work on our website.

Facebook: Jan handed out a copy of our Facebook page.

Membership: Ann sent out 26 letters for membership dues. At this time there are 107 members.

Fundraising Reports:

Used Book Sale: Raneë informs that the interior of unit 15 has been painted. The unit is nice and bright, but it appears that there is sheet rock dust all over. Raneë will see if management will clean it up. It was discussed at the used book sale meeting about asking for free fruit for "members' night"; also gift cards.

Culvers: Ann said our next Culvers fundraiser will be Oct 29. Raneë picked up a check for \$245 from Culvers.

Mum Sale: Barb will order 125 plants plus we can get 50 more if necessary. A total cost is not available at this time.

Market Days: Ann informs that Husmann School is no longer doing Market Days. Our executive board decided not to pick it up the slack because we already have enough to handle at this time. Husmann is now using Schwann's food service instead of the Market Days service.

Library Report: Karen reports that the Library's Epic Celebration drew several thousand visitors. Their 100th Anniversary Celebration Epic Readout is on September 22nd. Jan asked for those of us who wanted to help out as ushers to call Carol Heisler (information was handed out with her phone number). Karen spoke of a banned books event at the library and also how CLPL handled questionable material. Part of the Epic Celebration will be a program of "how to's" on November 16th.

Library Report Continued: September is library card sign up month. E-books can be accessed from home and have all types of subject matter. If you have questions or problems you can call or email the library. Karen also informs that the library staff is continually going to workshops to gather more training. Funding for the mobile transport for shared books is looking good.

Library Board Report: The new building plans are still ongoing. The Library Board is focusing on the new building planning and alternatives for funding. They are aware of the problems with the current building (recent sewer problems). There is still a board vacancy. Interested parties may apply to the mayor and the City Council will make a decision.

Old Business: Ann related that the FOCLL membership forms for Raneer will be reprinted but not revised. A copy of our membership list was requested by the Library. By recommendations from our Executive Board we decided not to share our list due to privacy concerns. Our last social meeting was about learning about E-books. Sixteen people attended. There was library staff there to help and they were very helpful and informative. Our next social meeting will be on October 21 at Colonial Café at 6:30pm. Deb Wright will host a discussion about the book Fahrenheit 451. Regarding a previous request from the Library for help in purchasing new furniture; we have not done a budget at this time and will discuss this at a future date.

Regional Report: Jan reports that Naomi Blackburn from the Hampshire Friends will show us how to do a blog. Jan will let us know when classes will be. Naomi will host the main blog site. Each local library could have a blog on this main site. There is no cost at this time. Jan will get the date for us. This will help for each library not to schedule same weekend events. Bob said a blog template can be seen at worldpress.org; menu: themes or search. There is a world press group that meets at Nicks Pizza in Elgin.

New Business: Per Jan, Cary friends has a scholarship fund. Children who volunteered time to the Cary Friends Group were eligible. Karen said our Charter would need to state how the money would be disbursed if we were to do this.

Ann wants to send the mayor and city manager a hard copy of our newsletter. This would make us more visible to our local government.

Our next general meeting will be November 18th at Panera.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:18p.m.