

Friends Of Oskaloosa Library FOOLs Minutes
Unapproved – to be reviewed and approved at next meeting

Date: January 24, 2024

Location: Oskaloosa Public Library, 5:15 pm

Meeting Called to Order 5:20 pm

The November Meeting Notes were approved.

Officers and Members Present

President Margaret Fast, Treasurer Jeannette Hierstein, Co-Treasurer Melinda Dick-Lang, Secretary Carol Snyder, Library Board of Trustees (LBOT) Kim Smith (arrived 6:35 pm), Library Director Sammy Smith (left 5:20 pm), Members: Jeniffer Trowbridge, Jo Cross.

Library Director Report

Before the meeting Sammy updated the FOOLs with the Library's new hours, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday - Friday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturday, progress of hiring a Youth Services Coordinator, and requests for Silent Auction items from local businesses. Storytime will be Thursday morning, subject to change with a new hire.

Library Board of Trustees Report

Kim Smith gave a positive report on the January 22nd Board meeting and thanked Melinda for attending.

The library's new Resource computer is located on a new desk donated by FOOLs and assembled by Jeannette.

Sammy updated the Board on the Library's eligibility for multiple grants, such as a STEM toys center, and one from Dollar General that she will be applying for. Also noting future programs, such as the partnering with the Willow Center for a Teen dating presentation. She reminded the Board of the Library's Silent Auction and Treats for Sweets in February.

The Board officers remain the same for the coming year.

New Business

The Silent Auction will run from Feb. 12th to 17th. The Board, Library Director and FOOLs will begin requesting and obtaining auction items.

Sweets for Treats will be Feb. 13th, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm., with FOOLs taking shifts as salespeople, and bringing and soliciting donations of treats.

Margaret mentioned the grants from Friends of Kansas Libraries. These grants have a deadline of April 1st. Noting grants can be used for bookstore improvement, ways to improve the library experience, and will discuss with Sammy as to needs & strategic plan.

FOOLs continue willingness to participate in fund raising activities to accomplish mutually agreeable library wishes. Jo mentioned the FOOLs need to identify targeted projects.

Annual FOOLs Plant Sale will be April 12-13, with beginning to set up and accept plants on the 11th after 11:00am. Attendees noted plants they will be donating. Margaret has bulbs available for forcing before the sale.

Previous Business

The logo book bags are available at the Library and the Bookstore for a suggested donation of \$10.00. They will also be a showcased item at the library fund raisers.

Treasurer Report

- Melinda and Jeannette report current balance of \$7,946. The only bookstore expense was \$27.20 for painting the bookstore back room before the Holiday Sale.

Thanks was expressed for the generous donation from Margaret's Thursday Yoga Class and to Holiday vendors' participation and donations.

Annual dues to Kansas Friends of the Library, \$25, and the KS Attorney General Charitable Organization Statement, \$25, will be submitted.

Next Meeting

FOOLs will meet March 13 at 5:15 pm to update on Plant Sale plans and possibilities of Friends of Kansas Libraries grants.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm. Jeannette motioned to adjourn the meeting with Melinda seconding.