

Friends of the Library
Minutes for Meeting of July 17, 2018

Call to Order: Kris called the meeting to order and a quorum declared. Present were Kris, Don, Rhonda, Darla, Allyn, Edgar, Molly, Jane Trujillo, Dawn and Salai. Marlena Antonucci was present as guest speaker.

Minutes for the past meeting were approved.

Financial report was approved. Book nook income was \$430; Book sale income was \$356. Equipment expenditure spread out over 4 years.

Special presentation: Marlena spoke about the Narrow Gauge Bookstore Coop, which she is managing. Scheduled to open on Aug. 11 - there will be local food and merchandise; new books and magazines, used books. Asked about a partnership with FOL to be able to sell books that are donated to the store for \$1 each that cannot be priced higher than that. These books would reside on a cart outside the store and promote the FOL. All monies raised by the sale of these books would go to the FOL. Marlena requested from FOL a cart for the books. She also spoke about volunteering at the store, and about selling some books online through the store. She is looking at different platforms to accomplish this.

Kris said we should make the cart look nice, and that the FOL were also looking at books to sell online. Salai said she would wait and see what she could do.

Book Bike:

Weekends on the Rio: Don said he was happy to take the bike over to Weekends on the Rio, by the playground, and that the bike has been there a couple of times already.

Farmer's Market: Don said he could drop it off, but wouldn't be able to pick it up on some days. Kris suggested about rotating the responsibility of picking it up to different members.

Book Sales: A suggestion was made to take it to the Farmer's Market with advertisement about the sales on the weekend of the book sales.

4th of July parade: Was a success. Kris suggested having more people to hand out books. Allyn suggested having a few people with wagons of books to help hand out in addition to the book bike.

Literary Magazine: Salai said there were 41 submissions and a new deadline date of September 1. Cost of software to publish new journal totaled \$574.22, which would be broken down to payments of \$147 a year over 4 years. Kris said we would decide whether or not to proceed with the journal on Sept.2, but that we seemed to be committed to do it for the next couple of years.

Book Collection update: Rhonda says we don't need another work day until the next sale. Looking to completely change out the romance and fiction sections.

Book nook update: Don reported the book nook sales to date are \$457.03. Kris asked for thoughts on why sales are down. Spoke about getting a sign placed in the book nook explaining what is it all about and where the monies go. Also to possibly put information in a picture frame to display, possibly on an easel. Edgar volunteered to make an easel.

Book sale update: Profit from the last sale was \$356, with a membership sold for \$20. The next sale is scheduled for Aug. 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rhonda said the mysteries and thrillers will be half price at this sale. September is scheduled to be a two-day sale. Rhonda also discussed sending out email notices about the sale. If anyone knows of an organization to send these notices to, let Rhonda know. Rhonda will also write the PSA. Allyn will also send out emails.

Free Little Library Update: Salai said the Cole Park little library is being repainted, and the cord holding it shut replaced. All other libraries doing well.

Reading at Evergreen: Currently has three readers on Friday nights at 6:30 p.m. for about a half hour. Kris said they continue to look for readers.

Additional items:

Discretionary funds: Salai received a check for \$5,000.

Sanford pickup: Molly and Edgar volunteered to meet with the widow in Sanford looking to donate some of her late husband's books.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Aug.21.

Respectfully submitted, Dawn Krebs