

Friends of the Timothy C. Hauenstein Reynolds Township Library

Meeting Minutes for October 11, 2023

Friends and Guests Present: Jan Malmo, Judy Parker, Pat Bauman, Sue Bogardus, Sharon Willett, Sharon McInnis, Deb Behrenwald

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes: *Motioned by Sharon W. and seconded by Sue B.* to approve the 9/13/23 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sandy S. was absent. No report today.

Director's Report – Cheryl Smith, Director

- Reported on upcoming events and programs at the library. Please check the website, Facebook or pick up a monthly calendar at the desk. Many of the craft classes fill up fast.
- The library will close at 3:00 p.m. Friday, October 13th. The carpets will be cleaned at that time.
- The first Saturday the library will be open (on Saturdays) is October 21st.
- Book discussion will be Wednesday, October 25th at 1:00 p.m.
- The bike rack is nearly completed. They will deliver it and install it either at the end of this week or early next week. We are excited to see the completed project.
- The new twelve-foot Christmas tree has been purchased for the library.
- Cheryl reported that in partnership with TC schools, the system is in place to issue all students library cards.

Book Review: The next book review is October 25th at 1:00 p.m. The book for discussion is “The Magnificent Life of Marjorie Post” by Allison Pataki. This story is about the founder of Post cereal. Fun fact learned today – Grape Nuts cereal is the 1st cereal ever made!

OLD BUSINESS

Harvest Festival – Jan M. thanked the quilters and all who sold tickets. Also big thanks to Pat B. for chairing this. Winners of this year's quilts were John Finkhouse choosing “Fly Boy” lap quilt and the second winner Ginny Starr was awarded the black & red queen quilt. There was discussion on what worked and what didn't work for this fundraiser. All agreed that four ticket sales at Leppinks went well, and sales were high day of the festival. A suggestion for adding an additional site for selling during Open Mic Night downtown. Also suggested that next year's quilt be a “Christmas” theme quilt. Deb B. will contact Arlene Culver to see if she is willing to make next year's quilt. Pat B. reported that of the 2000 tickets only 336 tickets were left. All agreed that purchasing 2000 was a good number. Sandy S. will have the final total for the quilt raffle next month.

Festive Tree Challenge/Silent Auction – Dates and times to remember: Decorate trees – Nov. 15-27; voting in the library by patrons Nov. 28-Dec.2; first place winner of \$100 will be announced at Tree Lighting Ceremony evening of Dec. 2; Deb & Sharon have mailed donation request letters to businesses- some added today. They will report at the November meeting on the responses to the ltrs. Donations need to be in by Nov. 20 for Sue B. and Jan M. to catalog and display. Items will be on display in the library to bid on from Nov. 28 - Dec. 2. Winners will be notified on Monday, Dec. 4 by Sue B. and Deb B. There was additional discussion regarding adding gift baskets to bid on made by FOL members. We will continue with this idea next meeting after we know the responses from businesses.

Halloween Music w/ Luke Gitchel – This has been cancelled until October 25, 2024.

Garden Tour – Reminder of June 8, 2024, with rain date June 15, 2024. There was discussion regarding when to contact the garden hosts for next year. All agreed that they should be contacted by March 2024. Names of tentative gardens are – Sylvia Gabel (Pierson), Jennifer Arnold (Sand Lake), Shelly Ludtke (Howard City), Mary Bach (Morley), Lynn Meyer (Howard City).

Birdhouse Art Prize – Cricket/Cheryl contacted Corey Renner (shop teacher @ TCHS) regarding making birdhouses for a fundraiser where patrons/public purchase a birdhouse then decorate it to be judged sometime in March 2024. Corey said that shop students could build 30 birdhouses for this event. Mike Smith has volunteered to pick up the supplies required for this project. Discussed making three divisions for voting – kids, teens & adults with the winners to be announced when the Birder, guest speaker, visits the library in March. *Motioned by Sue B. and seconded by Sharon W.* to approve the purchase of supplies up to \$200. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Adjournment – *Motioned by Judy P. and seconded by Sue B.* to adjourn @ 11:35 a.m. Motion carried.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 8, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.