

Friends of the Timothy C. Hauenstein Reynolds Township Library

Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2023

Members and Guests Present: Jan Malmo, Sandy Saliers, Sharon McInnis, Sue Bogardus, Judy Parker, Sherri Norton, Sharon Willett. Gail Whelan, Deb Behrenwald

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President, Jan Malmo.

Approval of the Minutes: *Motioned by Sue B. and seconded by Judy Parker* to approve the November 8, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy S. reported a beginning balance of \$4661.97. Checks written – Library \$764.37 (Christmas tree), Mike Smith \$130.71 (birdhouse materials), Deb B. \$26.40 (postage for letters to businesses) additional credit (see sheet) from Festive Tree Challenge, ornaments purchased, Silent Auction bringing the updated balance to \$4349.49. *Motioned by Deb B. and seconded by Sharon W.* to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Director's Report: Cheryl Smith

- Library entry will be closed for tiling beginning 12/14. Cheryl noted that the side entrance will be accessible along with curbside pickup until the job is completed.
- January 8th - Puzzle Swap will begin during that week. This is a trial to see how well it is accepted.
- Beginning in January another reading club entitled "True Crime Book Club" this is for adults only.
- Beginning in February after new furniture arrives a "Silent Book Club" will be held in the evening yet to be determined.
- Please check out the calendar of events and activities for ongoing programs.
- Cricket suggested a "Crafting with Cricket" session to sell and work on birdhouses for the Birdhouse Art Prize. As many as 25 could sign up for this class. Cheryl will check with Corey Renner @ High School to see if additional birdhouses could be built if necessary.

OLD BUSINESS

Festive Christmas Tree Challenge/Silent Auction - Some of the input from the public was discussed. Patrons would like one week prior to come in and vote for their favorite tree. Also, Silent Auction items to be on display for additional time for bidding. The library purchased 5 additional trees for contestants to decorate. The total for trees was \$235.00. *Motioned by Sue B. and seconded by Sharon W.* to reimburse the library for this purchase. Motion carried. Further discussion determined that we will not send letters to businesses in the future but rather approach businesses for donations for baskets to bid on. FOL will possibly also use funds to purchase items to complete baskets. Cheryl noted samsclub.com or Walmart.com are great sources for gift baskets or items for gift baskets. Sue B. and Cheryl will look into this after the holidays.

Birdhouse Art Prize – Cheryl (?) will check with HS to see the soonest the birdhouses will be available to sell. Cheri and Margaret from the Giftery will judge the birdhouses on March 26th. Sharon W. will contact the winners prior to the "Birding Program" March 27th. At that time, the host Greg Bodker will announce the winners. Cheryl will give those purchasing houses the information about the Birding Program and how winners will be selected and announced. Cheryl will contact the Daily News for possible article and will order age-appropriate bird books for winners along with ribbons (already purchased).

NEW BUSINESS

The nominations committee of Sharon W., Gail W. & Judy P. will secure nominations for treasurer for 2024. Voting will take place in January. The positions of President – Jan Malmo, V.P. – Sue Bogardus, Secretary – Deb Behrenwald are complete.

OTHER

We ended the meeting with delicious snacks, fun gift exchange game and great conversation.

Adjournment: *Motioned by Gail W. and seconded by Judy P. to adjourn at 11:04 a.m.*

Next Meeting- January 10, 2024