

Minutes
Friends of the Maud Preston Palenske Library
August 10, 2019

Vice President, Ginny Antonson, called the meeting to order at 10:15.

Correspondence: Treasurer Deb Burlingame reported that she had received from the State of Michigan notice of the annual non-profit fee, \$20.

June Minutes: Deb B moved to remove the treasurer's report from the June minutes and add the revised report as presented. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report: Deb B presented her report, explaining the removal of two charges from 5th 3rd. These charges, for the credit card scanner were removed as we only pay for the service in April and November.(booksale dates) Darlene Kiessel moved that the report as presented, be accepted. Deb requested that she be allowed to pay tax help, if necessary. Sally Huling moved that the treasurer be allowed this request. Motion carried

Director's Report: Stephanie Masin discussed the survey that the library is conducting. She indicated that she may be calling on "The Friends" for help. She reported that new windows would be installed throughout the library, the bulk of which will be paid by a donor with the library covering the remaining amount. The library endowment fund will be move to Berrien Community Foundation, as well as most of the capital fund. The result should be a larger yield in earnings. The summer program was a huge success. Enrollment was high. The Harry Potter Birthday party was an overwhelming success, attracting about 700 participants. The library will be helping with the 2020 census, which is important to funding. FOTL may be asked to help.

Committee Reports:

Book bag committee Kathy Ward reported of the 200 ordered, 94 are in stock

Book Sale / Sorting: Deb Burlingame and Clem Brueck have compiled a notebook, which is a guide to the setting up the annual book sales. This will ensure that members who undertake this chore will have a step by step guide.

Fliers for the November event will be ready by September 30. Volunteer sign-up is October 12. Stephanie will contact city hall about posting the sale on the city sign. Kevan will contact the radio station.

Wish List committee: Clem Brueck presented the July 2019 Friends Wish List. Lisa Bartoszek moved that we accept the presented wish list with the following changes: purchase only one drinking fountain and include the ZappBug Oven Bed Bug Heater/Box for a total of \$4905. Motion carried

Membership committee Deb and Darlene will be calling a meeting to deal with dues.

Old Business

Updating our website info: Members were reminded to send suggestions to Rebecca

T-shirts for volunteers: Kathy will order Neon Orange tee shirts to be used at the November and April sales. She will place the first order after volunteer sign-up for the November sale.

New Business

Bylaws: The revisions to the bylaws were discussed. Ginny will report the results to Rebecca. The revised bylaws will be presented at the October meeting for a vote.