

FRIENDS OF THE MAUD PRESTON PALENSKE LIBRARY
 Minutes of the Membership Meeting---August 19, 2017
 Next Meeting: October 14, 2017

Members present: Dot Allen, Shadler, Deb Burlingame, Ginny Antonson, Kitty Fisher, Darlene Kiessel, Clem Brueck, Sally Gregory, Lisa Bartoszek, Lisa Kubash, Anjum Gillespie, Kathy Ward, Barbara Simpson and Stephanie Masin, Library Director.

Meeting was called to order by Dot Allen, incoming president, at 10:19am.

Announcements

- Thanks to Ginny Antonson, Clem Brueck, Alicia Ford and Darlene Kiessel for representing the Friends at the Summer Reading programs we supported and for handing out information about the Friends!

Correspondence

- Thank you letter was read from Child & Family Services for our donation of VHS tapes for the children to watch.
- Thank you letter was read from Caring Circle/Lakeland Hospital for the \$25 gift in memory of Sue Fanaly.
- Clem Brueck provided an update on the health of Sherri Conybeare; she is hoping to get stronger and resume her involvement with FOTL.
- Judy Baute wishes to be removed from the email list. Her information is as follows: bautejk@yahoo.com. Sally will update Marsha to have her removed from the FOTL list as well.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved as mailed. Motion made by Clem Brueck, second by Anjum Gillespie, unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report (Deb Burlingame)

Unanimously accepted subject to audit:

Beginning Balance	\$5245.13
Dues: Anita Shadler	10.00
Dues: Jennifer Rose	100.00
Dues: Krystal Lockman	10.00
Book Sales	133.25
Subtotal	\$5498.38
Checks	
6/12 Sue Fanaly Memorial	(25.00)
Check to Library for approved items (Bristlebots kit, Lego bases, Pocket Literature Rack)	(680.89)
Ending Balance	\$4792.49
Operating Fund	(500.00)
Available Funds	\$4292.49

- Totes for Library2You purchased. Stephanie Masin showed an example of one of the totes. There are currently seven people signed up for the program.
- Updates on the items purchased by the Friends (see minutes from the previous meeting for details) were given by Stephanie. The Lego bases are particularly popular in the Children's library area.

Director's Report (Stephanie Masin)

- Summer reading numbers overall increased at the beginning of summer; however, numbers of participants actually completing the program were slightly lower. Participant numbers for all programs increased this year, which shows the programs suggested by staff were ideal.
- A gift has been made to the Library in Bill Syles memory (long-time Library board member) by his wife. The gift will purchase all new furniture for upstairs and downstairs, including new upholstered chairs and stackable chairs. Old furniture was offered to all libraries in the county; Watervliet and Benton Harbor libraries will take some of the furniture for their own use. A plaque indicating the gift will be erected by the grandfather clock on the first floor.
- A meeting to discuss the township's proposed district library formation is scheduled for Monday, August 21, 2017 at 6:00pm at St. Joseph Township Hall, 3000 Washington Avenue. The meeting is open to the public and Stephanie Masin personally invited the Friends to attend in support of the library.

Committee Reports

Book Sale Committee: Lighting has been redone in the basement area where book sale books are kept and sorted. Sorting continues Mondays and Tuesdays. No sale date for 2018 has been set as of yet; Marsha will be approached about available calendar dates. Clem reported the number of hardback fiction novels donated to date has been marginal.

Library Board Report: Ginny Antonson – no report.

Wish List Committee: Stephanie Masin reported the book shelving approved for purchase at the last meeting has been put on hold due to extremely high shipping costs. Clem Brueck has approached John Wolf as an alternative; he is a local woodworker who has previously assisted with other projects, including the Lego bases.

Membership Committee: Darlene Kiessel reported one new member, Erich and Krystal Lockman. Sally will send the information to Marsha for inclusion in the membership list.

Old Business

- A clean audit of the FOTL books has been completed for the period 2013-2016 by Dick and Anita Shadler; no inconsistencies were found. The auditors recommend filing invoices and receipts with monthly bank statements and use dated receipts and deposit

slips in lieu of hand written notes. Also, a recommendation was made to rename the "Operating Fund" to "Reserve Fund" and move the \$500 to a separate account.

- Sally Gregory updated the group on the creation of the eBay and Paypal accounts for use by Marnie to sell Treasure Books left over from the Book Sale. These tasks will be completed within a few weeks. Also, Sally will work on getting the FOTL 501(c)3 status.
- Ginny provided additional information on her plan to grow our membership and has requested that each member provide names and addresses of 10 people who may be interested in joining FOTL, either as an active or inactive member. Please bring names and addresses to the October 14 meeting so that letters can be sent at the end of October.

New Business

None at this time.

Meeting adjourned 11:13am.