

FRIENDS OF THE MAUD PRESTON PALENSKE LIBRARY
 Minutes of the Membership Meeting---March 10, 2018
 Next Meeting: June 9, 2018

Members present: Dot Allen, Liz Ball, Rebecca Marsden, Kitty Fisher, Anita Shadler, Ginny Antonson, Deb Burlingame, Clem Brueck, Stephanie Masin (Library Director), Kathy Cowall, Lisa Kubash, Kathy Ward, Darlene Kiessel, Sally Gregory.

Guests in attendance: Glenn Laing

Meeting was called to order by Dot Allen, president, at 10:15am.

Announcements/Correspondence

- Thank you note was received from Marsha Ammeson for the Mark III gift card given by the FOTL for her years of service to the library and in particular her help to the Friends group over the years.
- Thank you note was received from Stephanie Masin for our continued sponsorship of the Summer Reading Program.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved as mailed. Motion made by Clem Brueck, seconded by Deb Burlingame, unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report (Deb Burlingame)

Unanimously accepted subject to audit:

Beginning Balance		\$5459.33
Book Sales	1/22 deposit	104.50
	Bounced check	(50.00)
	Bounced check fee	(15.00)
	Bounced check cleared	50.00
	Bounced check fee covered	15.00
	2/19 Deposit	36.00
Dues	1/22 New Member: R. Marsden	10.00
	2/19 New Member: E. Ball	10.00
Expenses	Lisa/packing tape	(10.57)
	Gift Certificate/Marsha	(50.00)
Ending Balance		\$5559.26
Reserve Fund		(500.00)
Available Funds		\$5059.26

Director's Report (Stephanie Masin)

- Administrative Assistant. Marsha's replacement, Sue Morgan, has been hired. Training will continue over the next few weeks.
- Flooding in Children's Library Area. Stephanie believes the Children's library will be closed for an additional month due to standing water. Heaven Scent will continue to be utilized to dry out the lower level. The background to this water issue is that in Fall 2017 a crack in the foundation was repaired, which is believed to exacerbate the current water problem. An adequate backfill

process was not completed when the building was originally built or when the addition was built and is causing the current water problems. Abonmarche have reviewed the situation and have given two proposals to address the problem: digging around the exterior foundation and adding drain tile (\$75,000) or addressing the problem from the inside and adding a sump pump (\$25,000). The library board will meet this week to discuss the matter and decide on an appropriate action. School groups are still being accommodated as much as possible and some books are upstairs due to regular circulation. The train table has been moved into the auditorium. The city is aware of the problem, but due to the continued negotiations regarding ownership of the building/land as well as district library discussions, the situation is tricky from a political standpoint. Stephanie believes the FOTL April Book Sale will not be compromised due to the situation, as the problem is expected to be resolved by then.

- Other library building issues. At the most recent library board meeting, the board suggested Stephanie find a lawyer to represent the library and begin to look for other potential buildings for the library. This request is due to the many problems that currently exist with the building, including windows, inadequate insulation, replacement of HVAC, and the current water issue.

Committee Reports

- **Book Sale Committee:** See New Business.
- **Library Board Report:** No report.
- **Wish List Committee:** The proposed wish list items were sent to members, and the group authorized purchase of two sets of shelving, a cart for art project supplies, games for teens and tweens, and two packs of Duplo Lego blocks.
- **Membership Committee:** Three new members were announced, Rebecca Marsden and Liz Ball, both in attendance, and Panka Dash. Sally Gregory brought up a concern about mailing paper copies of minutes to members without email addresses who are not lifetime members and who haven't been in attendance at recent meetings. Two mailings have been returned to sender. There are a number of members who have not been in attendance at meetings, which prompted a discussion of whether dues have been collected from those members, with a secondary discussion regarding whether dues should be increased to \$12/year to make it easier for prorating when members join in the middle of the year. Deb Burlingame reported that if members are active, she has not been concerned about collecting dues. The group agreed that members will not be removed from the membership list because of unpaid dues. In addition, the group decided that an increase in dues was not necessary. One more paper copy of the minutes will be mailed for this meeting, but a note will be included indicating that future minutes will be made available at the Rare Book cabinet in the lobby of the library. Also, Ginny reminded the group that we will continue with our June membership drive, which was tabled last fall due to the membership year beginning in June. A reminder message to the group will be sent at a later date, approximately April.

Old Business

- As announced and discussed at the October meeting, changes to the current bylaws need to be made so that work can continue for non-profit application status. Sally Gregory briefly reviewed the changes to the bylaws and a motion was made by Ginny Antonson, seconded by Kathy Cowall. Unanimously accepted by all members. Sally will continue work to submit our application for non-profit status so that we can include this information in our June membership drive.

New Business

- Summer Reading Program. Stephanie presented the list of Summer Reading Programs available for sponsorship. After discussion, it was decided FOTL will sponsor the following: Wednesday morning storytime, School of Rock, Pint-Sized Polkas, Kickoff Party for Teens and Tweens, Murder Mystery Night-Totally Rad 80's Prom Gone Bad, Music in the Garden (Andrew Calhoun) and The Guns of St. Valentine's Day Massacre. The total sponsorship cost is \$1450. Liz Ball made a motion to approve the programs, seconded by Darlene Kiessel, unanimously approved by the group.
- April Book Sale: Deb Burlingame shared a list of pre-book sale duties and attendees were given the opportunity to volunteer. Members were also given the opportunity to volunteer during the sale dates, including setup. Setup date for the sale is Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 10:15am. Sale Dates include April 26, 27 and 28, 2018.

Meeting adjourned 11:45am.