

FRIENDS OF THE MAUD PRESTON PALENSKE LIBRARY
Minutes of the Membership Meeting---March 14, 2017
Our mission is to Promote and Support the Library

Next Meeting: April 22, 2017 (also Book Sale set up)
Spring Book Sale Dates: April 27-29, 2017

Members present: Dot Allen, Lisa Kubash, Sherry Conybeare, Clem Brueck, Darlene Kiessel, Sally Gregory, Ginny Antonson, Kitty Fisher, Gladys Grieger, Kathy Cowall, Kathy Ward, and Stephanie Masin, Library Director.

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

Welcome! New member Kathy Ward joined our group recently and was in attendance for the meeting.

Auditing of Books

A question was raised as to when the last internal audit of the books was completed. Sherry Conybeare, Darlene Beneditz and Clem Brueck remember the last audit was completed approximately 2-3 years ago. Current signers on the financial accounts are Ginny Antonson and Deb Burlingame.

Summer Reading Program

Stephanie Masin presented the extensive list of Summer Reading Program activities for the FOTL to choose from to fund. Typically, we spend approximately \$1500 on program sponsorship. After an extensive discussion, the following programs were chosen:

- Adult program: Rebug Consort, August 10, \$250
- Adult program: Solar Eclipses, June 21, \$175
- Teen program: Teen Amazing Race, July 12, \$150
- Tween program: Kickoff Party, June 19, \$300
- Children's program: Tuesday Evening Story Time, starts June 27, \$200

Total spend for 2017 is \$1075. Motion was made to approve the selections by Clem Brueck, seconded by Sherry Conybeare. Unanimously accepted.

New Business

1. Marion Manthe, longtime member of Friends of the Library, is currently residing in The Willows. Her husband passed away last week. A sympathy card was distributed for all members present to sign, with a suggestion by Sherry Conybeare to send \$25 to Grace Lutheran Church in memoriam. Dot Allen made motion, seconded by Darlene Kiessel. Unanimously accepted.
2. Friends of the Library usually staff a table at the Summer Reading Program signup day to generate interest for new members. Kitty Fisher and Darlene Kiessel expressed interest in volunteering this year.

3. Book Sale is coming up quickly and it is time to get the word out. Volunteers are needed to hang signs at businesses downtown and elsewhere. The following locations will be covered:

- Ginny Antonson will send the Book Sale information to the Town Crier.
- Tess from St. Joe Today will announce the Book Sale on the Pat Moody Thursday morning show and will hang signs on kiosk outside the St. Joe Today offices.
- Clem Bruek will hang signs at the 5 & 10 Variety Store, St. Joe T-Shirt Shop, and Chocolate Factory.
- Kitty Fisher will hang signs at Brown Bakery and Broad Street Café.
- Darlene Kiessel will hang signs at Tosi Caffè.
- Sally Gregory will hang signs at Arriba Taqueria.
- Dot Allen will hang signs at YMCA.

Upcoming April 22 meeting will be set-up only. Ginny is coordinating with Key Club students to assist with set-up. Sunrise Rotary will take all remaining children's books following the sale for distribution to Benton Harbor schools. Kitty Fisher will coordinate. Assistance from non-members is always welcome to set-up and take down. Deb Burlingame will be coordinating shift signup after she returns.

4. Marsha has requested updated Time & Task Availability from long-time members. Sally Gregory will coordinate. In conjunction, Ginny Antonson requested that Executive members of the Friends hold a meeting to discuss what to do about inactive members.

Meeting adjourned 11:13am by Sally Gregory, seconded by Kitty Fisher.

Minutes taken by Sally Gregory, Secretary