

The October 9, 2022, meeting of the friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the president, Lydia Spruhan.

Fourteen members were in attendance.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. Judy Spruhan asked for information on one item which was provided by library director Anne Tripp. Ken Sosnowski moved the minutes be accepted as read. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ken made the treasurer's report. The obituary of Frances Forstadt suggested donations to the Friends. The Friends received a note and a donation of \$50.00. We also received some donations as people bought books at the sale. These amounts do not show up separately and are included in numbers from the book sale. Other than the book sale major expenses for the last quarter include the Summer Reading Program and funds coming in include money from the printer. As of September 30, 2022 our closing balance was \$28,500.21. Janis Augustine moved and Kim Marchesaro seconded a motion to accept this report. The motion passed.

Old Business

Both children and adults are really happy with the new children's area.

The Summer Reading Program went well. Much of the program was not in person. This area had a high infection rate this summer. There were 449 involved and more attended the petting zoo. Children received 259 prizes which were based on badges earned and reading time.

The Butterfly Garden is doing well and the protective sail has been installed.

The medicine disposal box talked about at a previous meeting will not be installed. There were too many requirements related to the box.

The no fines policy is working well. Patrons are pleased to be free of that stress.

New Business

The nominating committee for officers and board members for the next election is made up of Lydia, Kim, and Annie. Their slate of candidates will appear on the meeting notice for the January 2023 meeting.

Annie presented library requests and other information.

The library has purchased toner. The plan is for the Friends to pay for toner in exchange for the printer earnings.

Bill Chaffin moved and Kim seconded a motion to provide funds for a gift not to exceed a specified amount. The motion passed. Ricki McKenney volunteered to make the purchase.

The library is getting a new software program. The program is fairly new in the U.S. but has been used for a number of years in The Netherlands. The program, OCLC WISE, is very intuitive and user friendly for the public. However there is a learning curve for the staff and installation time. Starting November 4 the library will be closed for staff training. Annie made a request for up to \$500.00 for snacks, lunch, and supplies for the training period. Bill moved and Ricki seconded a motion to appropriate up to \$500.00 for this request. The motion passed.

The Children's Librarian wants to print a pet calendar. Votes would determine which pictures to use and the calendar would include dates of library events. The plan is to sell the calendars, but money is needed to produce them. The request is for \$300.00 for this purpose. Diane Mabe moved we authorize \$300.00 for this purpose. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Children's Librarian also requested \$500.00 for prizes for ongoing reading challenges for children and teens. (Teens are now part of her area of responsibility.) Kim moved we allot \$500.00 for this purpose. The motion was seconded and passed.

Book Sale Report - Ken Sosnowski, Book Sale Chairman

We had more books to sell than usual except in the categories of cookbooks and music. The member sale was well attended except for book sellers. The end of the AAUW sale will probably decrease these people even more since there is less to bring them here. Friday's public sale was also well attended. Books had to be moved inside Saturday morning which was accomplished in under an hour. Numbers were down but not as badly as feared. Sunday was lightly busy. The sale continued Monday and Tuesday. Ken heard no comments on the price increases. Our net profit was \$3,408.46. One factor in this number is the storage cost of \$197.00 per month. Next year's dates for our major sale should be September 8, 9, and 10.

Various ideas were introduced about future sales. We will sell some selected books during Crafty Christmas at the Salem Farmers' Market on December 3 from 10:00 to 2:00. The idea of a spring sale had been discussed. In order to have dates on the calendar Kim moved we hold a sale on March 2,3, and 4 of 2023. Bill seconded the motion which passed.

January 8, 2023, was announced as our next meeting and we adjourned.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary

