

Friends of the Library

Minutes of the August 8, 2007 Meeting

Members & Guests Present: Linda Godley, Arlene Butler, Pat Jacobus, Vicky Paulen, Janice Williams, Betty MacTavish, Pat Bauman, Judy Parker, Lavonne Rehfus, Dorothy Shaffer, Renae Brooks, Barb Bazan, Katie Remelts, Shirley Westveer, and Maxine Forward.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Vicky Paulen.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Shirley W. to approve the July 2007 Minutes as read, seconded by Betty M. All approved.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Pat Jacobus passed out an updated report. Motion by Katie R. to accept report as read, seconded by Lavonne R. All approved. Vicky P. asked for input next month on what our next purchase could be.

Directors Report: Janice W. informed us that the Panhandle Grant proposal has been sent in. She also told us the Summer Reading Program went very well and many area youth participated. Several requests were made by community members/participants in regards to next years program extending into the month of August. Janice W. explained to us the need for the Library to have a Weather Scanner to alert patrons to an impending bad weather situation. She will investigate the cost of such a scanner and report back next month. Janice W. passed out the FOL Mission Statement for review. Members discussed the meaning of the FOL 501(c) tax status in regards to non-member inquiries.

Publicity Report: Arlene B. reported putting up posters for the Quilt Raffle around town and was able to have it advertised in the River Valley Shopper bi/weekly until the event. Vicky P. commended Arlene B. for doing such a great job with our publicity needs.

OLD BUSINESS

Golf Outing: Katie R. thanked everyone who helped with the Outing and told us she has enjoyed her years as the co-chair. Katie R. passed out a financial report in regards to the Outing. The total net amount was \$2462.00. Katie R. has prepared a "how-to" folder for Renae B., the new co-chair for next years event. Vicky P. asked Katie R. if she could mentor Renae B. next year - she said she could. Katie suggested contacting the H.S. Golf Instructor in regards to students who may be willing to work at next years event. Katie R. also suggested the FOL begin soliciting for donors/teams earlier in the year. Vicky P. suggested Renae B. considers choosing committee members soon. Renae B. and others shared some options/ideas for next year. FOL members thank Katie R. for all her hard work and dedication. Anyone interested in being on next years Golf Outing committee should contact Renae B.

Tea in February: Janice W. passed out a copy of the book "Great Taste of Michigan" by the authors that will do the program at the Father/Daughter Tea in February. The authors will give us a discounted price on the book. Motion by Shirley W. to order 50 signed books for the Tea. Seconded by Dorothy S. All approved.

Quilt Project: Shirley W. reported there has been a slight hold up with the printed tickets but they will be available soon. The tickets will be available at Patchwork Dreams, Howard City Village Office, the Library and select FOL members. The tickets cost \$1. each or 6 for \$5. The drawing for the quilts will be Sept. 15 during the Howard City Harvest Festival. One of the quilts is on display at the Library. Discussion about whether we should apply for our own State Raffle License next year. Janice W. clarified which kind of fundraiser raffle needs a state license. Members interested in selling tickets can get them from Janice W. at the library.

Calendar Fundraiser: Pat J. has sent in the order and has asked for a delivery date before August 27. She was able to secure a coupon to use for 15% more calendars for free.

Plaque Update: Pat J. showed us the plaque. Everyone was impressed with it. Janice W. will hang the plaque soon. Thank you to Pat J. for her idea and time spent on this informative plaque.

Music in the Park: Vicky P. reported the Food Booth made about \$200. The crowd for the evening enjoyed BBQ, sweet corn, cotton candy, popcorn, chips, and pop. Thank you to Lorna Grassley, Leroy and Vicky Paulen, and Firstbank for their generous donations. Thank you to FOL members who helped with this fundraiser.

Home Tour: Vicky P. reported Christian Kindel has offered to take charge and guide us through this fundraiser. The committee will meet with him at Kindel & Company on August 15 at 8:30 AM. It will take place on Saturday, November 24.

Books for Babies: Barb B. reported she has ordered a sample kit and expects it to arrive in time for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

FOL Shirts: Vicky P. reported having talked to Chris P. about researching the kinds and costs of imprinted shirts. Chris P. has agreed to look into this for us and will report back at a later date.

Schedule for Refreshments: Vicky P. reminded us the FOL Meeting Refreshment Calendar runs out next month. Pat J. will make a new calendar.

Book Discussion Group: The book for August, "Charms for the Easy Life" by Kaye Gibbons was a well liked book. The book for September is "Walking Across Egypt". The group will meet Monday, September 3 at 1:30 in the Library. The "One Book, One County" book is "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen. The discussion for this book will be Tuesday, Aug. 21 at 11A and 6:30 P in the Library. FOL members who have read this book encourage anyone who can get their hands on a copy to read it (as it's really good) and come participate in its discussion.

Other Business

Amazon/Barnes and Noble Account: Renae B. showed /explained to us the different programs these stores offer and how they work. Discussion about how we could benefit from them. Discussion about other businesses that donate "sales percentages".

Ecophone Fundraiser: Janice W. reported having sent in one "copy paper size" box for recycling. We should get reimbursement from them soon.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 12, 2007

Refreshments: Toni Wagoner