

Friends of the Library
Minutes of the February 13, 2008 Meeting

Members & Guests Present: Arlene Butler, Vicky Paulen, Janice Williams, Pat Bauman, Judy Parker, Renae Brooks, Barb Bazan, Pat Jacobus, Lavonne Rehfu, Linda Godley, Patricia Smith, and guest Don Bauman.

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

Approval of Minutes: *Motion by Pat J.* to approve the February 13, 2008 minutes as read, *seconded by Arlene B.* All approved.

Treasurers Report: Pat Jacobus passed out an updated Treasurers Report.

Directors Report: Janice W. thanked all who helped with the Valentine Tea. Janice W. asked the FOL members present to consider sponsoring the purchase of a quantity of USB Memory Sticks that could be sold to Library patrons. The Memory Sticks could be purchased for \$5. each and could sell for approximately \$10. each. The proceeds could be realized by the FOL. *Motion by Arlene B.* to purchase 50 USB Memory Sticks for a total cost of \$250.00, *seconded by Judy P.* All approved. Janice W. also informed us that since the Library will be receiving 10 new computers through a Gates Foundation Grant a new printer stand is needed. Discussion about types of stands. Don B. mentioned he may have a suitable alternative. Arlene B. mentioned the Library is in need of a coat rack. Discussion about types of coat racks and where one could be located in the Library. *Motion by Renae B.,* asking Janice W. to look into the purchase price of a printer stand and also a removable coat rack, *seconded by Pat J.* All approved.

Publicity Report: Arlene B. has contacted the Grand Rapids Press in regards to advertising this years Holiday Tour of Homes. The Press will come and take a photo to be used on their Community Page. Arlene B. will need to have all the info to the Press by November 1st.

OLD BUSINESS

FOL Shirts: Renae B. brought in several sizes/kinds of shirts for us to see. Renae B. will leave the catalog at the Library so members can peruse it at their leisure. Reminder that we should have our shirts ordered, received, and ready to be worn at our May Used Book Sale.

Father/Daughter Valentine Tea: Chairperson Janice W. thanked committee members Patricia S., Lavonne R., Renae B., and Barb B. for all their hard work in regards to this successful fundraiser. A total of 69 Father/Daughter combos attended. The scheduled presenters canceled due to the weather. Mystic Movement came to our rescue by sending over a dance instructor to teach the participants some ballroom dance steps. Children's Librarian Cheryl Smith also provided some last minute crafts. A list was taken, and signed books will be given as promised to all participating girls, once the Library receives them back from the author. Membership discussed the need to use local presenters for future Teas and that we may need to use a larger space.

Books for Babies: Vicky P. talked to WIC organizers and found that approximately 80 babies are born to parents in their designated area each year. Vicky P. will begin distributing bags the 2nd Wednesday of the month beginning in April/May. A coupon will be included in the bags for recipients to obtain another book when they visit the Library and apply for/use their library card. Anyone interested in sewing bags is encouraged to contact Vicky P. for more info.

NEW BUSINESS

Gardenganza: Don B. handed out some info sheets with some ideas/specifics in regards to this proposed fundraiser. Don B. suggested the event take place on Saturday May 31st and be open to all community members/businesses interested in exchanging/selling lawn and garden related items such as; plants, seeds, new or used equipment, yard decorations, etc. The FOL could participate by selling donated plants, seeds, etc. and offering to sell used equipment for community members for a flat fee. Don B. also suggested watering cans made from plastic liquid laundry soap containers could be sold/given away. Baby food jars for portioning seeds would also be needed. Members present were enthusiastic in regards to all of Mr. Bauman's ideas. Soap containers and baby food jars can be dropped off at the library.

Closet in Community Room: Vicky P. suggested the FOL purchase commercial grade shelving and storage tubs to help organize the closet located in the Library Community Room. The cost of the shelving would be approximately \$200.- \$300. *Motion by Pat J.* to purchase the much needed shelving and storage tubs, *seconded by Renae B.* All approved.

FOL Web Page: Vicky P. feels our web page needs to be updated. Janice W. recommended that someone from our membership work with Librarian Ted W. to learn how to update, and eventually add to and redesign the page. Renae B. has volunteered.

Other Business:

Fundraiser Committee Protocol: Pat J. asked that Committee Chairs and Members strive to learn and use practical, efficient, methods of communication and procedure within each committee this year. Perhaps a portion of an upcoming monthly meeting could be used to help us define these guidelines. Benefits to using practiced techniques would be less committee confusion and more streamlined monthly meetings. Vicky P. suggested that each Fundraising Committee compile a file, comprised of info from that years fundraiser, to be used to assist with each successive years event.

Gordon Foods Discount Card: Janice W. informed us that we now have a discount account set up with Gordon Foods for 5% in savings.

Book Discussion Group: The book for March is "Never Let Me Go" by Kazuo Ishiguro. The group will meet on Monday, March 3 at 1:30PM in the Library Reading Room. The book for April is "19 Minutes" by Jodi Picoult. The group will meet Monday April 7 at 1:30PM in the Library Reading Room. Everyone welcome to participate.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 9:00 A.M.

Refreshments: Linda Godley