

Friends of the Library
Minutes of the July 9, 2008 Meeting

Members & Guests Present: Vicky Paulen, Pat Jacobus, Betty Riemer, Betty MacTavish, Lavonne Rehfus, Arlene Butler, Maxine Forward, Linda Godley, Shirley Westveer, Patty Bauman, Judy Parker, Chris Proprawski, Janice Williams and guest Brenda Burgess.

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

Approval of Minutes: *Motion* by Shirley W. to approve the June 11, 2008 minutes as read. *Seconded* by Arlene B. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Jacobus passed out an updated Treasurer's Report.

Director's Report: Janice W. reported that she expects to have the grant proposal to help support the Books for Babies program ready to submit to Great Lakes Energy by the end of the week. Discussion of the best way to acknowledge their contribution. Janice W. thanked everyone who helped with the outdoor carnival at the library; there were approximately 300 children present and we did get a visit by Miranda. The segment taped with us was on "Where You Live" on July 5th—7:30 a.m. and p.m. on WOTV 4 and 6:30 p.m. on WOOD TV 8. It will also be available on-line at marandatv.com after July 8th. Janice W. also mentioned that they have estimated the library is averaging 310 people per day so far this summer.

Publicity Report: Arlene B. reported that she has had 2 more papers agree to publish for us. Discussion of the growing public awareness of our activities. Many thanks to Arlene for her hard work and the excellent job she has been doing.

OLD BUSINESS

Quilt Project: Linda G. reported that one quilt top is done and work is progressing on the second one. Discussion of the amount of effort Linda G. puts into this project, heartfelt thanks and a round of applause to her. Discussion of the tremendous contribution by Ester V. at Patchwork Dreams for the continual support she offers us and her role in the finishing. Shirley W. pointed out that the retail value on quilts of this type is over \$500.

Books for Babies: Vicki P. announced she has had 2 more volunteers from the public to help with this project. At this point the bags are being distributed to residents in the Panhandle area with help from the WIC program. Chairperson Vicki P. said we have given out 8 bags so far with an expectation that we will average 80 per year; she will keep track of these statistics.

Pig Roast: Chairperson Pat J. announced that everything is on track for this fundraiser. Some tickets have been sold already; they are available at the library, through select FOL members and will also be available at the door. The pig roast is July 26 at Heritage United Methodist Church from 5 to 7 p.m. Cost will be \$6 for adults, \$3 for children and \$15 family.

Music In The Park: Lorna Grassley is the chairperson for this event. We will have a food booth in the park on July 29th. The music will be provided by Gettin' Picky.

June Book Sale: The book sale made \$162.90.

Community Room Clock: Vicki P. mentioned that Kindels has ordered the clock, she will contact them to establish a delivery date.

Golf Outing: Chairperson Renae B. brought in a sample of the logo'd golf balls to be given to the players who participate. Mention that fundraising is proceeding nicely. The outing is July 19th at Whitefish Golf and Grill, cost per player is \$70 and includes green fees, lunch and dinner. Registration starts at 10 a.m. with a shot-gun start at 11. Players may register through the library, at Whitefish or by contacting the chairperson.

Tour of Homes: The tour date is December 6 from 1-5, reception at the library from 1-6. We already have a few homes signed up and working on publicity materials. Discussion of additional home owners who are considering participation; if you would like to have your home included contact any FOL member or leave your info at the library. Discussion of making booklets containing the recipes for the refreshments served and the possibility of selling them during the tour. Discussion of methods for making the signs more visible, helium balloons were considered but it was felt that they wouldn't stay inflated in the cold, other ideas will be investigated.

Magazine Exchange Program: Patricia S. has volunteered to look into the possibility of placing a rack in the library entrance for people to exchange their old magazines. Discussion of space constrictions and the need for the rack to be moveable. Mention was also made that we are not a "recycling center" so the age and condition of the magazines we will accept needs to be determined. Lorna G. may have a rack she can donate, Patricia S. and Janice W. will look into this and report back to the group.

NEW BUSINESS – none

OTHER BUSINESS

Author Visit: A few members attended the program by Jeanette Walls in Fremont on June 19th. Jeanette is the author of the book from our June Book Discussion, "The Glass Castle". They reported that the program was very interesting. The book was very well liked by the group and there is going to be a movie made from it.

Book Discussion Group: The book for July was "Lottery" by Patricia Wood. The group was treated to a surprise phone visit from the author herself. Discussion of how interesting it is to hear the authors' comments on the creative process and her feelings about the characters. The book for August is "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini. The popularity of this book made it difficult to get enough copies for the group so they have been waiting to do this one for some time; please come join the discussion on August 4th at 1:30 p.m. in the library reading room, everyone is welcome.

Adjournment: *Motion* by Pat J. to adjourn, *seconded* by Maxine F.

Next meeting: August 13, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Refreshments: Barb Bazan