

FRIENDS MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2020

ATTENDING through Zoom Video Conferencing: Morgan McMillian, Karen Ballinger, Catherine Baty, Mariah Froehlich, Sue Gilman, Linden Joiner, Raj Kamat, Sarah Traugott, Danielle Wilson, Beth Yoder, Carol Black, Joyce Botta, Jana Dodd, Helen Kott, Amy Holland, Margaret McDermott, Nancy Pencsak, Dotty Hord, David Gamble, Mary Lois Recio, Mimi King

Catherine Baty gave short tutorial on how Zoom works.

Call to Order: President, Jana Dodd called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

Recording Secretary – Mimi King: The February 17, 2020 minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer – Amy Holland presented the Treasurer's Report. Cash position as of April 16, 2020 is \$17,873. Jana Dodd moved and Margie McDermott seconded that it be approved. The motion carried.

Other Reports

Scholarships - Danielle Wilson has received Teen Volunteer Service Scholarship applications from 8 high school seniors. The Friends are supporting this program with a donation of \$12,000. With schools closed, the process of interviews and presentations are on hold.

Teen Volunteers - Beth Yoder has heard back from 43 teens for Summer volunteer jobs.

Book Sales - Nancy Pencsak reported her Amazon online book sales total for March 2020 was \$946.34. A Friend's gift card on Amazon in the amount of \$440.99 is available for library staff to use.

Library Director - Morgan McMillian reported

- Library cancelled all programs March 14
- Building was closed March 16
- Implemented immediately after closure: due dates extended on checked-out materials; blocks due to fines lifted on patron's accounts; temporary library cards available to access online resources
- Programs are now available through the Zoom meeting link and social media
- Communications Coordinator Linden Joiner is publishing the library newsletter weekly
- Tech coaches are providing help to patrons by publishing weekly blog posts titled "Tech Corner" in the newsletter

Youth Services Librarian - Sarah Traugott and staff are considering using a digital platform for this summer's reading program. Using a company called "Beanstack" they will set up a 'reading challenge' for the whole community - setting a goal for the number of books to read. Once the goal is reached, donations will be made to local food banks -LT Crisis Ministry and Helping

Hands Crisis Ministry in Spicewood. Amy Holland made a motion that the Friends should make a donation of \$1,000 to be divided between the two charities; Jana Dodd seconded; the motion was approved. The summer reading program will take place June 1 through July 31.

Outreach Librarian - Karen Ballinger - there are volunteer opportunities available at the Senior Assisted Living facilities – calling and checking in with residents and helping Raj with drawing chalk messages on the driveways in front of facilities.

New Business

Morgan spoke about the future - questions “for when the library doors open” and possible actions:

- Curb side book pick-up
- Limit hours library will be open
- Limiting number of patrons inside building at one time
- Removing some computers to allow more space between patrons
- Delay checking-in books
- Quarantine book donations

Jana adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

Next meeting on September 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Jana Dodd, President

Mimi King, Recording Secretary

Date
