Friends meeting minutes

Location: Webb Shadle Memorial Library

Date: November 8th, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm

Attendees: JoEllen Glick, Julie Cowden, Jen Latch, Vicki Refshaw, Willa Heaberlin

Key topics

1. Grants:

* USDA grant: We did not qualify to apply for this grant
* Weiler - help fund heat/AC project?
* Dollar General: Grants available January 2022 = Family Literacy Grant/Parent and Child Time Together, Summer Reading. March 2022 = Youth Literacy….THINKING BOOKS!
* Doris Rowley with United Way told JoEllen that we should apply for a grant with them. Our next opportunity will be February 2022.

1. Grant request considerations:
2. New heat/AC
3. New folding chairs for the East room (same quantity, with vinyl padded seat—preliminary search looks like +- $25 ea)
4. New window treatments for main library
5. ADA compliant water fountain
6. PA system
7. Books and Programs
8. Donations:

* no new to report, but Ron Danks has requested a meeting with Julie to discuss a possible donation from the Memorial.

1. Other income:

* no new to report

1. Treasurer’s Report: The balance now stands at $28,370.92 of which $14,300 is set aside for heat/AC replacement and $2523.25 for books. After these are accounted for, the usable balance comes to $11,547.67. We will aim to reserve that for heat/AC replacement as we continue to seek funding for the remainder of the $42,850 heat/AC project. \*
2. Completed projects:
   * no new to report
3. Projects in the works:

* \* We have come to a standstill in our heat/AC replacement funding. The city is working on getting a different bid, so we will wait until we hear back on that before we work on raising more funds. There is some question as to whether it is appropriate for our group to be funding it some or at all, and how much input the city needs/wants to have and whether they will be the ones maintaining whatever the library ends up with. It should be noted that gas prices have been forecasted to increase 50-90% this winter and the new, efficient system we were looking at would save 40% in that utility bill.
* After finally touching base and sending an order to our original banner/sign maker, we have again been unable to contact her, even after several follow up emails, messages and a phone call. We will move on in our search. (Jennifer)
* We have graciously received an offer to fund a new bottle filler/water fountain in Leland VanderLinden’s memory. We were waiting for Rawson Mechanical to give us recommendations as to placement options, but Kody Jergens has assured us that the wall in the hall to the bathrooms would be a good fit. Since we are at a standstill with the heat/AC replacement, we will begin looking into this purchase and installation. We will check with Rawson to see if they’re interested in giving us a bid and advice on a unit. (Vicki)
* We are looking into selling approximately 140 cardboard boxes ($150) and 2 vintage office chairs (150 ea). (Jen)
* The Collins library memorial bird bath has been ordered, but it is delayed as are many other things in this day/time. We asked that the Collins family maintain it once it is installed.
* Merch: Would like to come up with design and order shirts again in the future...smaller number than last time...like volunteers having same shirt – easy to spot in crowd. Maybe a coffee mug too… (Jen).
* We need more popcorn bags. Will ask Peoples Bank again. (Jen)

1. Events news and report:

* Luke Farland has agreed to play our Burgers and Beats/Celeste’s Fall Craft Show event again next year on September 17, 2022.
* Celeste Hudspeth will put on another craft show benefiting the library this spring, March 19th. Looking for someone to dress up in bunny suit. Library will have bake sale table.
* Beggars Night: Vicki, Jennifer, and daughters decorated a table for the library and handed out treats on the town square along with other area businesses and citizens. Told to be prepared for up to 500, 400 was probably a closer actual number.

1. Upcoming events:

* Mahjongg and Book Club meeting as scheduled
* Phoebe the Reading Dog on 3rd Saturdays @ 9:30am
* Youth group meeting weekly on Wednesday @ 7pm in East Room. All youth 6th - 12th grades welcome.
* Children’s Story Time: 10:30 am, Nov. 15th
* Toy Drive now through Dec. 14th
* Set up Christmas Tree 11/27 @ 9am
* Gallery of Children’s Art and Holiday Trees (official name still to be determined) Ashley Robinson, elementary art teacher will display holiday themed art from every elementary grade on the walls.
  + We are looking for people/groups to set up and decorate 6 trees in the middle of the room. (So far we have 2 spoken for: the Christian Church, and Just Us 4H)
  + Set up will be Thursday, Dec. 2 from 3-6 or by appointment if needed.
  + Tear down will be Thursday, Dec. 9 from 3-6 or by appointment if needed.
  + The event will run during **library hours from Friday, December 3rd - Wednesday, December 8th**, with one exception: **On Sunday, December 5th the library will be open for Pleasantville’s Christmas Tour of Homes from 1-4.**
* Holiday Party 12/11 @ 10:30am
  + Kindergarten teacher Dana Thomas making appearance as Mrs. Claus or elf and reading book to kids
  + Six kid friendly holiday crafts in the East Room
    - JoEllen – “Penguin rice sock” AND “Reindeer Snack Mix”(Vicki to man table)
    - Shiela – 1
    - Jackie – 1
    - Abby – “Green playdough Christmas trees”
    - Willa – “Thumbprint jars”
  + Vicki, Julie, and Jen providing cookies.
* Take down Christmas Tree: 1/4 @ 10am

**Our next meeting will be:**

**Tuesday, Jan. 18th @ 7pm**