

Minutes Friends of the Salem Library July 10,2022 Meeting

The July 10, 2022 meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the president, Lydia Spruhan.

Attendance was 10.

The secretary read the minutes of the March meeting. Elaine Budde moved and Ken Sosnowski seconded the minutes be approved as read. The motion passed.

The treasurer made his report. There was a handout on how Amazon Smiles works. Our current storage rent is \$197.00 per month. We are looking for a small usable space for 400 boxes of books. We have one CD maturing at the end of July. Ken has seen rates from 2 ½ to 3 %. Cash flow charts from January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022 show a closing cash balance of \$22,180.05. Currently there is no printer contract. The Library has purchased the printer and would like the Friends to consider purchasing the toner in exchange for the money from the printer. Amanda Beachum moved the treasurer's report be approved as read. The motion was seconded and passed.

For the minutes from this meeting old and new business have been combined.

There will be tours of the renovated Children's Area and the Butterfly Garden at the end of the meeting.

The Art Show was very successful. Response was good from attendees and art teachers. They liked the placement and the additional space. There is interest in additional display stands.

The Library is in the process of purchasing memorial books. A book on gardening was purchased in memory of Marcia Kelly. Staff is still looking for a good choice in memory of Bob McClanahan and will consult with Lydia Spruhan on a selection in her father's memory.

A sail shade will be installed in the Children's Garden/ Butterfly Garden to provide protection.

The area is now a registered pollinator garden and butterfly waystation and appears on maps of several organizations.

The renovations to the Children's Area improve organization and safety for the children.

The Summer Reading Program has 365 children, teens, and adults involved. About 550 attended the petting zoo.

Other activities include a Tiny Art project, Do-It-Yourself children's books, and various book clubs. They are also looking into installing a unit for unused medicines

The Library is looking into birding backpacks which would include binoculars. These would be checked out by parents.

There is interest in a member luncheon. Ken moved we appropriate up to \$500.00 for this purpose. The motion was seconded and passed. Someone will have to find out if we would be able to use our usual space.

As book sale chairman Ken mentioned the fact that the AAUW has lost their book sale space and that sorting should start the first week in August. We discussed price increases for the books, logistics for the sale, and other related ideas.

Anne Tripp requested \$150.00 for a treat for the staff to reward them for the hard work that went into reorganizing the Children's Area. Amanda moved we appropriate up to \$150.00 for this request and Ken seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next meeting will be October 9, 2022.

The meeting will adjourn following the tour.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary