

Friends of the Salem Library Minutes July 9,2023

The July 9, 2023, meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the president, Lydia Spruhan.

21 were in attendance.

The minutes from the March meeting were read by the secretary, There were no additions or corrections. Ken Sosnowski moved they be approved as read. The motion was seconded by Bill Chaffin and passed.

The treasurer then gave his report. There was a handout showing inflows and outflows for the quarter ending June 30. Our closing cash balance was \$29,416.84. Ken mentioned that our storage fee has gone up to \$211.00 per month. We have to have storage that is climate controlled and that provides sufficient access. The city may be able to store nonbook items if we can reduce storage needs enough for that to help.

Bill Chaffin moved and Lurana Vest seconded the report be accepted as given and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Anne Tripp reported that the art show went well, but only one elementary art teacher brought art. She thinks one school had their own art show.

NEW BUSINESS

The library staff requested \$150.00 for a one time contribution to help bring in the Dolly Parton book program. The State of Virginia is providing half the funding, Rotary is putting the other funding together for a three year commitment to this program.

Bill Chaffin moved we appropriate \$150.00 for this program and Janis Augustine seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Our next book sale will start September 8. A lot of work has already been done on sorting. We will have use of the room to start setting up on September 2. The sale will be September 8, 9, and 10 starting with a member sale. Times will appear in the newsletter.

Bill Chaffin, Chairman of the Membership and Publicity Committee made a report. He has been looking into local business interest in supporting bags that would bring attention to both the businesses and the Friends. He will have more to report at the October meeting.

Phil Roark announced that the deadline for the next newsletter is August 11. It should be out a few days later.

The next meeting of the Friends will be on Sunday, October 8, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary