

FRIENDS OF ELYRIA PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES MEETING

2/6/17

PRESENT: Nancy Baldauf, Cherie Fabien, Jane Leavell, Kathy Wainwright, Tim Widman, Carolyn Young

STAFF: Lyn Crouse, Adam Matthews

GUEST: Mark Wainwright

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

Tim Widman thanked Jane Leavell for taking notes at the last meeting and Kathy Wainwright for accepting the Secretary position. Marcia Widman may have to miss several meetings and said she would step aside if someone could replace her on the board.

JANUARY MINUTES

Nancy Baldauf moved to accept the minutes as amended. Jane Leavell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cherie Fabien explained the Matching Fund Program that some businesses participate in. Tim Widman will mention this program in his President's Letter to inform our membership and to encourage more donations.

LCCC will be holding a speaker and panel discussion entitled *The Lorain County's Foundations-Powerful Catalysts* to be held on Tuesday, April 11, 1:00-3:00 in the Reaser Grand Room. The panel will include speakers from the Lorain County Foundation, LCCC Foundation, Nordson Foundation and the Stocker Foundation. The program is free but registration is required. It was suggested that someone from FEPLS attend the conference.

Jane Leavell made a motion to approve the January Treasure's Report. Nancy Baldauf seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lyn Crouse stated they are still in flux with the major renovation project. The library is using Burgess and Burgess Strategists to help with their long range plan for the library facilities. They are discussing a bond issue.

The Summer Reading Program has been planned and they are very excited for its implementation. The program has budgeted \$8,000.00 from FEPLS plus approximately \$2,000.00 from Keystone.

The Winter Reading Challenge using Beanstack (software program/new website for online reading) began on February 1. Read about it in *The Next Chapter*.

The library is very busy as Union negotiations are in progress.

HOSPITALITY

Marilyn Kenzik may be asked to help with hospitality for the April Membership Meeting.

There are two parts to Hospitality: one board member throughout the year, and one or more non members at the book sale.

SORTING

127 boxes were recently picked up by Maynard Miller. He donated \$868.00.

The box with books for the prison is located in front of the shelves. Avoid romance novels and no hard back books. Tim Widman will call the prison for pick up when needed.

Tim Widman has had two calls for book pick up. Phil Lyon will be available to help Tim with future runs.

Tim Widman and Cherie Fabien signed a contract and made a deposit to St. John Lutheran Church for rental of their space.

May 15 will be the first book move to St. John Lutheran Church. ½ month rent will start in May.

The Book Sale date is confirmed. It will take place the week of October 12-15 which coincides with NEOEA Day.

We will use U Haul for rentals for the Book Sale. Tim Widman will investigate insurance with the rental company.

Tim Widman will look into Lorain County Volunteer Connection for volunteers needed for the Book Sale.

The Annual Meeting will take place Monday, April 11, 6:00-7:30 in the Miller Room. The program will include a 20 minute Scheide Room Photo Presentation. Refreshments will be served. Tim Widman will include this information in the President's Letter.

MANUAL

Carolyn Young has been diligently working on the New Member Orientation Manual. She will be donating the binders and Adam Matthews will donate the labels. Carolyn Young lead a discussion and welcomed recommendations concerning the various sections that will be included in the manual. The document will be presented to the board for review before the final draft, which is scheduled to be completed by the Annual Meeting.

OTHER

Tim Widman would like everyone to read the FEPLS By-Laws and be prepared to discuss them at the next meeting which is Monday, March 6 at 6:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03.

Kathy Wainwright, FEPLS Secretary