

Friends of the Fern Ridge Library
Annual Meeting
October 24, 2020
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
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Attendance: Pat Baron (President), Karen Andersen (Vice President), Bri Piccioni (Treasurer), Nora Weber (Secretary), Becky Lemler (Library Board Liaison), Laura Blankenship (Library Liaison), Kathleen Kistler.

Call to Order: President Pat Baron called the meeting to order at 10:09 am.

Review of Agenda: Agenda was reviewed with no change.

Minutes of the July 11, 2020 Quarterly Meeting: The draft copy of the July 11, 2020 Quarterly Meeting minutes was reviewed for approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes; motion was passed.

Correspondence: The Library Foundation newsletter was the only correspondence received.

Financial: Bri distributed copies of the current financial reports for review and approval via email. Bri will move \$97.80 for Book Sale to Operations on the Q3 Income Statement. A motion was made to approve the to-be-revised financial statements; motion was passed. A proposed budget for 2021 will be submitted for approval at a later date.

Election Results: Nora announced that the Nominating Committee will now be called the Election Committee. Nora and Vicki met at the library and counted the 15 ballots that had been returned. Officers for the year 2021 are:

Pat Baron (President), Karen Andersen (Vice President), Kathleen Kistler (Secretary), Sharon Dowling (Treasurer).

Pat will schedule some transitional activities with old and new board members between now and the start of the new year.

Reports and Continuing Business:

Library: Laura said nothing much has changed; same hours and restrictions. New is that some computers are open. We are the only open library in Lane County. Staff has been doing a lot of weeding in the stacks, and maintenance of materials. They are currently figuring out how to help patrons in place who can't make it to the library, so they are having programs through Zoom and YouTube videos.

Library Board: Becky mentioned the bond measure on the ballot. If it doesn't pass, it will be brought up on the May ballot next year. It was determined that the oak tree needs to come down, and the library board will ask the grounds committee for ideas.

Library Foundation: Pat shared that the Writers and Wine event was held Oct 11 and it went well, with 109 tickets sold. Next year we may hold the event both virtual and in-person so people have a choice. The goal is to raise money for the Library Endowment Fund and for the long-term health of the library. The tricycle is under construction – the COVID shutdown created a delay. Same with the Konnie room furniture – we will ask for a delay on shipping the furniture.

Grounds Committee – Nora announced that the next work party will be Nov 7 at 10am. Pat will put this in the Friends newsletter and list Nora as contact.

Book Sale: Pat said we have been the recipient of the library staff's book-weeding activities. The Everyday Sale is going well, averaging 40% of the revenue from last year's Everyday Sales. Kids and teens books are not selling as well as others. October's Spooky & Scary and puzzles are selling well. November will feature military history & biography and Native American titles since it will be Native American Heritage month. December will be a holiday sale. January, science fiction and fantasy sale.

Vicki and her partner Jon sold the last donated collectible book set they had listed on eBay. The library is selling their African Violet plants - \$4, in self-watering pots. Pat will reach out to people running little free libraries to donate books to. If you know anyone running one, have them reach out to Pat. Nora will take more large print books to the Senior Center. The last bunch went quickly. No-contact sale ideas were discussed. Pat will forward an email from Springfield Friends for our thoughts.

Membership: Bri said we have two new Friends members. Pat mentioned they both checked the volunteer box on their membership forms, so she will contact them.

Scholarship: Pat found a place for the new Sandy Larson Memorial plaque and will put it up soon.

Programs Committee: Laura said if any Friends are interested in having a virtual program, let her know – she can do Zoom or videos with access. Our virtual programs generally have 2 – 7 people, but the Chambers Writing Workshop had 14. Pat said Karen put together a program for seniors, but the speaker cancelled, so maybe we could co-sponsor a library and Friends program to have the speaker make a video? Karen said maybe Edie Moro, a Fern Ridge Review writer and garden club member, could give a spring talk about starting your garden – we could coordinate with her Fern Ridge Review article topic. Karen said the Grounds Committee will do a Zoom meeting next time. Pat brought up the idea to co-sponsor programs with Westside Gardeners Club.

Outreach: Pat shared that the Friends supplied cards to Writers and Wine to put in tote bags to spread the word. The update of the logo and mascot and letterhead has been completed. Our brochure will be updated with the new logo when our current supply runs out.

Website & Social Media: Pat said there is nothing to report, currently.

New Business: Bri said our Drop Box has a total of 10 online seats and she will get everyone up and running on that. Pat mentioned that with the transition of officers, it would be good to make each seat a position instead of a specific officer, if possible. Pat will make a formal proposal at the next meeting that we add committee chairs to the board, and they will have access to Drop Box. Friends will have their 30th anniversary in 2021. We could celebrate in the fall during National Friends of Libraries Week with a cake. We will exchange ideas in January and put together a small committee. Bri mentioned that summer time will be warmer for an outdoor celebration, so maybe we should look at June.

News & Information Sharing: Nora shared information about new opportunities for local vendors to sell their items at The Emporium and the Shop Fern Ridge online store. Karen shared that the Applegate Theatre drive-in concert was four hours long and went well. It was a fundraiser for those displaced by the recent fires. Next year they will hold more outdoor activities, so they are doing some grant writing. The Theatre purchased an 8 x 20 ft trailer to serve as a stage for outdoor theater in 2021.

Future Meetings: Our next meeting will be held January 16, 2021. Laura will set up a Zoom meeting. Meeting dates for 2021 will be set up at our January meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Nora Weber.