

Friends of the Fairmount Public Library

Fairmount Public Library Back Room

October 6, 2007, 2:00 p.m.

Present: Diane Bruch, Bettie Hurt, Carolyn Jones, Linda Magers, Marilyn Roth, Diana Shutt, and Andy West

Old Business

Minutes

Minutes of September 8, 2007, were reviewed. Diana Shutt moved that the minutes be accepted as written; seconded by Andy West.

Treasurer's Report

The September Financial Report showed an ending balance of \$3,635.38. Diane Bruch, Treasurer, noted that \$530.00 had been deposited but it was not included in this report. This would make a total of \$4,165.38. Marilyn Roth moved that the financial report be accepted as presented; seconded by Carolyn Jones.

The Friends' youth group reported an ending balance of \$233.55. Their bake sale produced \$188.55. It was noted that we should have more pies as well as chocolate and peanut butter fudge at the next bake sale. The youth ordered twelve shirts and sold six @ \$7.00 each.

Carolyn Jones presented a Lowe's bill for six lightweight tables at a cost of \$250.00. The tables were purchased with Ken and Carolyn Jones' discount.

Monies will be transferred from the Friends' fund to the Library's building fund in late November.

Cookbook - Building Fundraiser

It was the consensus of the group, that Diane Bruch pay the entire amount owed for the cookbooks. To date, 140 cookbooks have been sold (\$1,040).

Museum Days/Book Sale

This year the group had a problem of being visible. It was the consensus of the group that we request immediately two spaces, Nos 54 and 55, @ \$50 each. The spaces would be in front of our tent. Diane Bruch will check details with Jim Hayes at the Fairmount Museum and see if we can pay now. Next year, Linda and Carolyn will request the tent be set up on Thursday morning about 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and removed on Monday morning. The book sale produced \$598.80 this year.

Advertising

The book sale ad placed in *The News-Sun* had four errors. It was the consensus of the group that we will not pay for this ad. Also, our group will not advertise in *The News-Sun* in the future. Coverage was included in the Oak Hill and Marion newspapers.

Usborne Book Sale

Due to school promotional book sales, we will not sponsor the Usborne sale.

New Business

Book Discussion

Spooky or mystery books (your choice) will be reviewed on Tuesday, October 23 at 6:00 p.m. Linda Magers will lead the discussion in Carolyn Jones' absence. Also, Linda will serve refreshments.

Fairmount Wesleyan Missions Auction

Bettie Hurt moved that a new cookbook be donated for the Fairmount Wesleyan Missions Auction on Saturday, November 10 at the shelterhouse. Seconded by Diana Shun.

Library Foundation Conference

Linda Magers mentioned that the above conference will be held in Indianapolis for two or three days in November.

Halloween

The Halloween party will be Wednesday, October 31 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the library. The Junior Friends will be dressing up and having spooky music available. Halloween bags will be filled on Saturday, October 2 at the library. The Lions Club contributed \$50 for candy last year. Our group spent \$41.34. If anyone wants to donate candy, they can drop it off at the library on Saturday morning prior to the party.

Donation

Andy West presented a \$100 donation to the Friends group from Mrs. Robert West, his mother. The monies will be used to purchase books for the library. Due to the late tax statements and payments, the Grant County libraries have certainly been shortchanged this year. Bettie Hurt will send a thank-you for the generous gift.

Blue Ribbon Commission

Linda Magers spoke about a newly formed commission by the state of Indiana to investigate property tax reform. Linda noted that Indiana has 92 counties, with 238 public libraries. Eight public libraries are in Grant County. Libraries could be consolidated in order to eliminate funding to so many entities. Linda will contact the state librarian to obtain more information.

Adjournment

Diane Bruch moved that the meeting adjourn at 3:00 p.m.; seconded by Andy West.

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