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**Friends of the Fern Ridge Library**

**Minutes of the Quarterly Board/Member Meeting**

**April 20th, 2024 10 a.m.**

**Konnie Room**

**Call to Order:** 10:12 a.m. by President Pat Baron

**Attendance and Introductions:** Pat Baron (President), Helen Davis (Secretary), Laura Blankenship (Library Liaison), Nora Weber (Member), Vicki Sourdry (Member), Anne Shelton (Foundation Liaison), Maia Thompson (Member)

**Review Agenda:** There were no additions to the agenda.

**Correspondence:**

* There was a thank you from the Library Foundation for a donation of $700.
* MidLaneCares submitted a flyer listing upcoming events that was passed around.

**Minutes of January 27th 2024 Meeting:** The minutes were unanimously approved with minor revisions requested by Nora Weber in reference to the bioswale and a cascara tree.

**Financial:**

**Treasurer’s Report:**

* Sharon Dowling, Treasurer, was absent. However, Pat stepped in and shared the following:
* Two donations were made by the “Friends” - $300 for the Library Foundation and $1,151 for library improvements along with bookmarks for National Library Week and gifts for staff. Sharon filed the required form with the IRS and the required form with the state.
* Digital magazine subscriptions – for a group subscription the library’s share would be $600 and there is an option for physical subscriptions. Graphic novels from Comics Plus would cost $1,351 for all levels. This is set to begin July 1st. The group voted to fund both of these subscriptions.

**Reports and Continuing Business**

**Laura Blankenship**

* Laura Blankenship submitted a letter detailing the success of National Library Week and to touch on the upcoming Summer Reading program. Frogs will be featured prominently in the marketing and the theme will be “Read, Renew, Repeat.” Summer Reading begins June 15th.

**Library Board:** **Jerri Moore**

* No report as Jerri was absent from the meeting.

**Library Foundation: Anne Shelton**

* The principals from both elementary schools have spoken with the Foundation. They have no librarians, just aides, who cannot teach students proper library use. Books from the 1940’s & 50’s have been purged from school library shelves by a librarian from ESD, with poor Native American depiction being among the most egregious of offenses. There is a desire to have children signed up for library cards through the schools, with October being the month of choice to do this, and there are not enough volunteers to restock school library shelves. A list was received from teachers of books needed in elementary school so the Foundation can donate there as well as at the middle and high school.
* A new author has been selected for Writers and Wine, but a name was not provided.
* Mary Jo Simone sent in her resignation and new recruits are being sought to fill her position.

**Grounds: Nora Weber**

* The work party was cancelled and the committee is now considered a grounds crew, which is no longer overseen by the library.

**Membership: Elizabeth Elliot**

* Elizabeth Elliot was not present so Pat stepped in and said that 45 renewals have been received thus far.

**Book Sale: Pat**

* The next sale is coming up May 17th & 18th.
* The previous sale in February was a success and $1,200 was raised. Volunteers are needed for the May sale and this time, at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, patrons will be encouraged to take a bag and fill it up for $3.00. Also, a piano will be sold to the highest bidder.

**Scholarship: Pat**

* Eight applications were selected Saturday, April 13th. Winners were Maritza Espinoza-Silva, Iris Frome, Lillian Ossowski, Ariana Rose, and Ariel Stafflund.
* Thanks were given to Linda Gatton, Diana Huntington, and Laura Blankenship for their work in making these selections. Information regarding the winners will be in the newsletter.

**Outreach: Elizabeth Elliot**

* Eilzabeth was absent so Pat stepped in again and touched on National Library Week as well as the upcoming Harvest Festival in September.

**New Business:**

* Upcoming “Friends” meetings are scheduled for July 27th, and November 9th.

**News and Information Sharing:**

* There is a report regarding censorship that the Friends were encouraged to look at.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

**Minutes submitted by Helen Davis**