

Friends of Seward Library Meeting

Monday, August 27, 2018

Present: Becky Baker, Jeanie Hecker, Becky Reisdorff, Carla Schwahn, Nancy Lamberty, Marj Komenda, Linda Zimbleman, Lori Anderson, Maxine Moore, Sandi Rocker, Becky Reisinger, Sue Imig, Peg Reese, Joanne Neeley, Jolene Aschenbrenner, Virginia Fraser, Connie Doehring, Linda Ferguson, Dee Mitchell, Nan McCoy, Erica Lamm, Mary Meyer and Pam Walz.

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by President Jeanie Hecker at 6:35pm. Jeanie announced that today is Virginia Fraser's birthday. Friends sang "Happy Birthday" to Virginia.

2. Minutes of the Spring 2018 Meeting

Sandi Rocker made a motion and Virginia Fraser seconded that the minutes from the spring 2018 meeting be approved as modified. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

\$17365.35 is the amount in the Friends bank account. \$300 in the Pal Pal account. 4th of July Sale \$1158.66, the After the 4th Sale \$218, used book table \$ 500 so far in 2018, Spring Book Sale \$893, book photo frames \$275. Carla Schwahn made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Nancy Lamberty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Old Business

National Library Week was celebrated in April with Book Review Bingo, a children's bookmark contest, a York College children's play, Friends dining out, a Cat in the Hat movie for kids shown at the Rivoli Theater, Friends buying supper for staff and an extra adult movie being shown. Becky mentioned that another similar movie (Daniel Tiger) will be shown for kids at the Rivoli on September 13th at 10am

Summer Programs-Becky reported that the kid's summer reading program was quite different this year with kids keeping track of time spent reading instead of number of books. Library circulation was down because of this but parents liked the concept better. Kids went to local businesses to claim reading club prizes and other businesses gave money that went to the purchase of books that were prizes for the kids at the end of the program. The summer String Beans concert was the usual success. Friends served 13 tubs of ice cream at the concert.

Seward Miniatures – Jeanie has talked to Pat Coldiron about this. Pat reported that around 100 of each new miniature are usually sold with an income of \$800. The biggest sales happen during the holidays and around the 4th of July. Marketing takes a hunk of time. Miniatures available to produce include the time capsule, roller rink, bowling alley, churches, and old historical homes. After discussion, consensus is that this project would take too much time for not enough profit.

Becky Baker has a plan to divide the genealogy room into two halves. One half will remain genealogy and the other half would be used as a Friends of the Library book sale room. Becky asks that Friends consider purchasing divider walls and book ends for this purpose. The Friends room would remain unlocked so that patrons could come and go and leave donations for purchases. The current Friends sale table will remain in the lobby.

Leading to Reading cards continue to sell. Friends could have a time to collate more card sets. Becky Baker will email Friends about a Friends work session.

Jeanie Hecker mentioned that the hospital is out of the baby book bags that Friends supplies for newborns. Jeanie will get the supply restocked. The last order was placed in 2015 and 200 bags were ordered.

5. New Business

A tailgate party will not be held this year. Instead a street dance/party to commemorate the library's 15th anniversary will be held on Sunday, September 16. Activities for families will be held from 4-7 with outdoor games and then a dance from 7-9 for adults. Pac N Save will sell food, Bottlerocket will stay open late and will possibly have a beer garden, Nebraska Bounce will set up a bounce house and slide, the Ukulele Ladies will perform at 5pm. Firehouse Five will perform after that. The Avid Readers Band will play at 7:00pm. Hopefully this date will work well since there are no scheduling conflicts and there is no school the next day. Friends will be needed to help monitor the inflatables and lawn games. 6 Friends will be needed each hour. Becky B will send out an email reminder to Friends.

Becky mentioned also that Friends will be asked to provide cookies for the special program events that will be held in September and October.

Décor Days set up is Thursday, October 1st. Take down is Tuesday, October 16th. Email reminders will be sent out about volunteering opportunities on these days. After set up on Thursday Oct 1st a Friends member's only shopping night will happen.

The library will be holding a garage sale on Saturday, September 8th from 9am-2pm. Items will include leftover kids t-shirts, kids prizes etc. Items will be priced to sell. Since the items are city surplus they must be sold and cannot be donated. Friends members are needed to help set up the sale on September 7th at 2:30pm and also to help babysit the sale on the 8th.

Yankee Candle—any interest in this fundraiser? Friends members present say no.

Amazon Smile earned \$29 for Friends in the last quarter and \$100 in 2018 so far. Friends members should remember to use the AmazonSmile.com site to order instead of Amazon.com.

National Friends of Libraries is October 21-27th. Jeanie will send a letter to the editor of the Seward County Independent during that time.

At our spring meeting, Friends allocated \$400 to go towards paying dues for library staff members to join local civic groups. City administrators were not in favor of this project. Becky Baker would like to instead host a quarterly lunch meeting that would include a representative from many local civic groups. The \$400 could be used for these lunches. During the lunches event dates and ideas could be shared as to alleviate the problem of having too many events scheduled at one time.

6. Disbursements

\$1000	Summer programs (2019)
\$500	National Library Week (2019)
\$130	Movie license (yearly fee)
\$400	After school snacks (fall 2018 & spring 2019)
\$200	National Volunteers Week (2019)
\$50	Seward High School Yearbook (ordered in fall)
\$1000	Souvenir items –Library's 15 th anniversary
\$50	Story Walk (2019)
<u>\$200</u>	Miscellaneous
\$3530	

Sue Imig made a motion for Friends to allocate funds for the above mentioned items. Linda Zimbelmann seconded the motion. Motion passed. Friends had voted in the spring to pay Becky Baker's expenses for the MPLA convention but now Becky will not be attending. Also Friends were to pay for half of a microfilm cabinet but that project is not to the purchasing phase yet as more research needs to be done. Ideas for 15th anniversary souvenirs include, engraved glasses, plastic color changing cups, pop sockets, magnifiers, photo magnets. Becky Baker will check into the possibilities.

Peg Reese made a motion for Friends to purchase a divider wall, signage & book ends for the new Friends book sale room at a cost of up to \$500. Lori Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

7. Additional Report from Director

Becky reported that a pizza party was held earlier this evening for the winning team of the adult summer reading contest. The contest between randomly chosen teams of "rockers" and "rollers" was a hit with about 200 patrons participating. The two teams were competitive and their scores were close during the whole summer.

Friends will cease using Library Consignment as they are not responding to Becky's emails and currently owe us money. Becky is looking into setting up an account with Better World Books. Friends would receive 20% of the sale price. This company will pay the shipping and handling of books if our profit is over \$50.

Linda Zimbelmann made a motion to adjourn. Nancy Lamberty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41PM
Pam Walz, Secretary