

# Friends of Seward Library Meeting

## Tuesday, August 26, 2019

Present: Becky Baker, Jeanie Hecker, Becky Reisdorff, Marj Komenda, Lori Anderson, Maxine Moore, Sandi Rucker, Becky Reisinger, Sue Imig, Peg Reese, Virginia Fraser, Connie Doehring, Jill Kruse, Joanne Neeley, Renee Larsen, Nancy Lamberty, Nan McCoy, Linda Ferguson, Mary Meyer, Karen O'Dell, Connie Whittemore, Vikki Gremel and Pam Walz.

### 1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by President Jeanie Hecker at 6:35pm. Roll call was taken.

### 2. Minutes of the Spring 2018 Meeting

Sue Imig made a motion and Nancy Lamberty seconded that the minutes from the spring 2019 meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

\$18,408.70 is the amount in the Friends bank account. Jill Kruse audited the Friends books. If you haven't paid your 2019 dues, now is the time. You can go to the Friends webpage [www.friendsofsewardlibrary.org](http://www.friendsofsewardlibrary.org) to see if you have paid. Recruit neighbors and friends who aren't listed as paid members. Sales on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July were \$1142.37 and the after sales were \$193 for a total of \$1335.37 which was down just slightly from 2018. The Friends "Book Nook" and used sales table are doing well. Sandi Rucker has organized the "Book Nook". Marj Komenda works with incoming book donations and marks any new items as "4<sup>th</sup> of July 2020" so that they are saved for the next 4<sup>th</sup> of July sale and items in the Book Nook and the table are from previous sales. Friends are using Book Prospector to sell books but those sales are down from what we used to sell to our previous book buyer. Jeanne Gee may know of a new book buyer. Friends need to tell people to bring used books and décor to the library especially after they have had a garage or an estate sale. Sandi Rucker made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Virginia Fraser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### 4. Old Business

National Library Week went well. Events included book review bingo, Friends dining out, kid's bookmark contest and York College presenting a children's play.

The kid's summer reading program was the same this year as last year. We had positive feedback from the businesses that provided prizes and parents praised the program. We had 18 businesses participate as prize stops. The program ran for 10 weeks. 380 kids signed up. The kid's big events went well. Escape rooms for all ages were very popular. An escape room will be created for the holiday season.

The adult summer reading program had many participants. They were divided into two teams. Prizes were given out for completed punch cards throughout the summer. The winning team was rewarded with a pizza party.

Next year's theme is "Imagine Your Story" (fairy tales, mythology and fantasy). Next year the Friends donation money for summer will be given to the library up front instead of a reimbursement for each invoice after the fact. A full accounting of expenditures will be given to Friends at the end of summer.

The Friends 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2020 used book sale will have new hours. The sale hours will be from 8am – 11am. We had fewer books for sale this year but the profits were close to the same amount as the previous year.

Adult trivia – summer program was not well attended (only 7 or 8).

### 5. New Business

Décor Days setup will take place on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm or earlier if folks are available. The sale will be held from September 24<sup>th</sup> until the afternoon of September 30<sup>th</sup>. Friend's members may shop the sale early on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm. The take down will happen on September 30<sup>th</sup> all day. The closet holding items for the sale is very full.

Friends will sell Leading to Reading postcards, Baker's chocolates (new Friends fundraiser) and book frames at the Nebraska Library Conference in LaVista in October. Friends will hand out Leading to Reading brochures and use the Friends banner at our table. Could someone make a Friends display board for use during the convention?

Schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 4-7pm Jeanie Hecker & Peg Reese

Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:30am-12 Marj Komenda & Maxine Moore  
12-5pm Sandi Rocker & Linda Ferguson

The Leading to Reading committee formed in the spring -- Jill Kruse, Jeanie Hecker, Peg Reese could work on updating the Leading to Reading cards and brainstorming publicity to reinvigorate the program if they are still interested. Brainstorming ideas: committee distribute to stores or hospitals, have cards at the Seward Health Fair, table at churches, Pac & Save to sign up Seward County children. Linda Ferguson will ask a daycare if they would sell cards or just have parents sign kids up.

Becky Baker talked about upcoming expenses that Friends could help with: holiday silhouette lights \$11,500? (Library Foundation project-Foundation may match funds), lockers in west entrance \$8667? key cards \$1500? (Library Foundation project), new screen for main level meeting room & projector \$11,077?, security cameras (would include outside of library) \$13,820? Another Foundation project is a new electronic sign that will be placed in the west parking lot. So far donations from Helen Vanderwall \$19,000 and Phyllis Vasquez \$10,000 will be used for this.

Jeanie mentioned that the National Friends of Libraries week is October 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. Friends could dine out at the new Mexican restaurant that is coming to town. Friends say yes. A doodle poll will be sent out.

#### **6. Disbursements**

\$1500 summer expenses 2020  
\$600 National Library Week  
\$150 movie licensing  
\$400 snacks (after school)  
\$200 volunteer week  
\$100 SHS yearbook  
\$250 misc  
\$500 non-profit lunch  
\$3700

Jill Kruse made a motion to fund the listed disbursements. Lori Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Should there be one check written for summer expenses or for all disbursements? Becky Reisdorff, Becky Baker and Pam Walz will decide.

Becky Reisinger made a motion for Friends to give the Foundation \$3000 for the light campaign. Some of this donation could be memorial money. Sandi Rocker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jill Kruse made a motion for Friends to purchase a new screen and projector for the main level meeting room spending up to \$5000. Nancy Lamberty seconded the motion. Motion carried

#### **7. Additional Report from Director**

Upcoming programs:

Sunday 8/25/2019 - Jeff Barnes program took place. 34 attended. Thanks Friends for cookies.

Sunday 9/8/2019 - Tiff 101 program will happen at 2pm. All you want to know about the Tiff funding program. Cookies needed.

Monday 9/16/2019 – All Seward Reads Together discussion of this year's book *Caroline* by Sarah Miller. Discussion is at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday 9/22/2019 – Tosca Lee (Omaha author) will speak at 2pm. She writes biblical/historical books and also dystopian/fantasy books. Chapters will sell Tosca's books. We will need cookies for this event.

Sunday 10/13/2019 – Tom Basset will present an antique appraisal program. The event will start at 1:30 and go until 3:30 or possibly longer. Tom is very knowledgeable about antiques, has appraised Pioneer Village (the whole thing!) and he also has an antique appraisal radio show.

Connie Doehring made a motion to adjourn. Peg Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM  
Pam Walz, Secretary