

Friends Meeting

January 23, 2024

Janet Bristow, Sue Cormack, Eva Fuentes (President), Barbara Moxley, Tom Porter, Debbie Rockwell, Jane Scocca (Vice-president), Amber Shrodes (Director of Philanthropy and Community Engagement and HCPL Foundation), and Jennifer Jones (Branch Manager)

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Amber Shrodes was our guest and we went around the room and introduced ourselves. She extended her thanks for all that the Friends do to support the library. She is convening the first countywide Friends Council meeting at the end of January for officers.

Treasurer's report

Susan Brand had emailed the report as she could not attend.

Ending bank balance as of 1/9/2024 was \$12,634.13. CD's were \$2,479.42 and \$2,579.96 for a grand total of \$17,693.51.

Booksale proceeds for January were \$585.45. This was noted as \$100 more than November.

Treasure's report was accepted.

Inclement weather & meetings

Due to the recent issue with weather and confusion of postponing 2 meetings, the group discussed options. No one should feel that they have to come out if it is bad out there, or in their neighborhood. It was decided by the group that if schools are closed or there is an early dismissal, the meeting will be cancelled.

Booksale

Sign up genius worked well. Debbie cannot access on her computer but she emailed Jennifer to add her.

The next sale is March 8-9 with collection day on March 7. We discussed the start time for Saturday and it was decided to go back to 10-4:30 if Jennifer was able to change it online and in the Checkout brochure.

UPDATE – This change was able to be done so the sale will be Friday 12-4:30 and Saturday 10-4:30

There was a discussion of pricing because there were confusing Non-fiction pricing signs. It was discovered that some old signs were still around. Tom had some suggestions for simplifying. The

group agreed and he will be making new signs. If possible, we will sort adult hardcovers and paperbacks so it is easier for customers.

Adult hardcover fiction or non-fiction \$1

Any other printed material-children's/graphic novels/magazines/pamphlets 25 cents or 5/\$1

DVD, Blu-ray, music, talking books \$2

Puzzles \$3

Set up: Jennifer reminded everyone to be mindful of walkways and emergency exit when setting up. It was stated again that we need an extra table by small one to sort and add up books to make check out easier. There was a table but it was moved for donated books.

Roundtable

Debbie and Tom shared some ideas for getting teens to the library. Jennifer explained that our teen librarian is rebuilding post covid as the pipeline of teens coming in and bringing the younger ones along broke down in 2020. Amber added that many teens found online gaming at home easier and allowed them to play games they couldn't in the library. Additionally, many things we think are good for teens to learn, won't draw them in.

The branch used to do after hours family movie night programming but the attendance dropped off and wasn't worth the staff time and the cost of the movie license. Many popular movies weren't part of the license too.

Some of the elements discussed will be shared with staff as they may be able to be incorporated into existing programs or in creating displays.

Friends support

Jennifer requested \$3,000. This covers March/April/May & summer reading guest presenters. This was approved.

We can also use volunteers for certain programs. The next is Earth Day on 4/20. Jennifer will create a sign up genius and send it out.

Next Meetings March 12 and May 14 at 2:00pm

Notes submitted by Jennifer Jones