

Friends of the Aberdeen Library
Minutes, March 12, 2024

Meeting called to order by President Eva Fuentes at 2 PM

Attendance: Eva Fuentes, President; Jane Scocca, Vice-president; Susan Brand, Treasurer; Kathy Gladfelter, Secretary; Jennifer Jones, Aberdeen Branch Manager; Barbara Moxley; Janet Bristow; Sarah Terio; Shawn McCoy; Sue Cormack; Susan Osborn; Tom Porter

Minutes: Approved as per protocol.

Treasurer's Report: March Balance: \$12,632.58
CD \$ 2,588.37
\$. 2,596.81
Total \$17,817.76
March Booksale proceeds: \$. 569.00

The treasurer's report was accepted.

Booksale Discussion:

- The booksale will now be referred to as "Charity Book Sale". Replacement signs will be ordered by Jane Scocca, with payment from the Aberdeen Friends account.
- Consensus that the table arrangement was very workable and acceptable.
- It was noted that the signage seemed small. Jennifer will resize to 11x17. Eva will have signs laminated. Acrylic holders can be used for the smaller signs. The smaller signs can also be taped to the bookends for better visibility.
- Tom volunteered to make arrows to point to the pricing sign on the wall.
- It was mentioned that sales of the puzzles improved with reduction in price. For now puzzle pricing will remain same as changing would require new signage. Prices may be reduced on Saturday afternoon as with all bookstall items.
- Next Charity Book Sale dates: June 6 (collection), 7,8
September 5 (collection), 6,7
November 7 (collection), 8,9
- Requested signs for recurring Charity Book Sale dates. Jennifer will make these available.
- "Be Kind" expressed interest in leftover books. They are welcomed to obtain books on Saturday at the end of sale. The library will continue working with Discover Books, who have been very prompt and efficient in removing leftover books.
- The Friends will be notified of the June Charity Book Sale proceeds by e-mail.

General Discussion: There was a discussion regarding teen participation at the library. It was noted to be helpful if the library was promoted as a third space. Jennifer reported the Becca Hillenberg, is currently working to increase teen participation. She is implementing outreach and activities to draw the teen population. Activities continue to be offered on Wednesdays (with food), and there is teen craft on Tuesdays.

Library Support:

2024 Summer Reading Sponsorship: It was proposed and approved to increase 2024 donation to \$2000.00.

Request for monies to replace dollhouse dolls and furniture. \$500.00 was approved.

Monies for 2024 Summer program TBD. \$2000.00 has already been approved for speakers.

The meeting was adjourned @ 3pm.

Next meeting scheduled for May 14, 2024 @ 2pm.

Respectfully submitted
Kathy Gladfelter