

## Friends of the Aberdeen Library : Meeting September 13, 2022

Attendance: Jennifer Jones (Branch Manager); Mary Ellen Dunne (President); Susan Brand (Treasurer); Kathy Gladfelter (Secretary); Barbara Moxley; Deborah Rockwell; Eva Fuentes; Tina Lacy; Kathy Lewis

Minutes: May 17, 2022 approved as read.

Treasurer Report: Approved as presented. See attached report.

Checking balance: \$16,393.14

CD balance: \$4,993.44

Total Balance: \$21386.58

### Business:

#### Book Sales:

September book sale resulted in proceeds of \$648.75.

Discussion and demonstration using Sign-up Link. Everyone encouraged to use and if having difficulty, please contact Jennifer for assistance. There was an additional field added so volunteers can RSVP even if they do not sign up for a designated time slot. Using this will allow users to know that you are aware.

Please be aware of the month you are signing up for.

The subject of book sale frequency was revisited. After discussing this, it was decided to hold book sales every other month. This change will be instituted after the advertised book sales (October & November) are completed. The discussion included lack of staffing and low inventory. The book sale must be staffed by volunteers at all times.

New Book Sales: January 5,6,7 2023; March 2,3,4 2023; May 4,5,6 2023.

Thank you to Melisa, who made dry erase cards to use for credit card sales. They have a very professional look!

Susan Brand has been the volunteer for Book Sale advertisement. She is requesting for someone else to do this job. Kathy Lewis volunteered her husband Ray Lewis. Susan will contact him with the information. Thank you to Ray Lewis.

### Membership:

We have several new members and welcome them aboard.

### Update on Library Activities:

Jennifer reported that the library is trying to return to a more normal activity schedule. Aberdeen library is coordinating with Blue Star Families, who will set up a family book club. This is a free program for military families and requires registration. It is a 6 week program, offered on Thursday evenings from the end of September until beginning of November. The program will provide the books, meals and includes guidance by a psychologist.

New and continued programs include sewing, a Halloween dance party, kids yoga and more!!

The library goal is to do away with registration and have participants just come.

Jennifer advised that the opening ceremony for the new Children's area was a success. The Friends were acknowledged for their financial contribution.

Jennifer requested \$750.00 for fall programs. This request was approved.

Customer Service week is October 3-8. Jennifer requested \$170 to provide \$10.00 gift cards for each Aberdeen Library employee. Jennifer will explore what gift cards are most desired by her employees. The Friends will provide the "Thank you " cards that will house the designated gift card. This request was whole heartedly approved.

Jennifer noted two outreach programs in need of volunteers.

Farmers Market: October 8, 2022 3-5pm

Trunk or Treat: October 29, 2022 4-7pm

Please let Jennifer know if you are willing to volunteer.

The Aberdeen Friends are still looking for a volunteer to take the position of President. Mary Ellen has done her job!

Next Meetings:

November 8, 2022 @2pm

January 10, 2023 @2pm

March 14, 2023 @2pm

May 9, 2023 @2pm

Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Gladfelter