

Friends of the Aberdeen Library: Meeting May 17, 2022

Attendance: Mary Ellen Dunne (President); Susan Brand (Treasurer); Kathy Gladfelter (Secretary); Jennifer Jones (Branch Manager); Katina Lacey; Barbara Moxley; Arthur Gordon; Janet Bristow; Anne Dulik; Kathy Lewis; Eva Fuentes

Minutes: March 8, 2022 minutes read and approved.

Treasurer Report: Approved as presented. (Refer to handout for details)

Checking Balance: \$17,234.01

CD Balance: \$2,787.30

Total Balance: \$22, 221.31

Business:

Book Sales

Discussion regarding having book sales every month versus every other month: Conclusion as of this meeting is to continue having book sales every month through November, excluding the months of July and August, as Jennifer needs to submit the calendar through November. Can revisit issue based on sales and volunteerism in the fall.

Scheduled Book Sales: June 3-4; July & August none; September (2nd weekend) 9-10; October 7-8; November 4-5.

Jenifer expressed concern related to storage of donated books. It was discussed and determined to establish a "donation day". The date will be the Thursday prior to book sale weekend. This will required volunteers. Dates: September 8; October 6, November 3

Mary Ellen will send out volunteer request for all dates. There was a consensus to have at least 2 hour sessions for volunteering. Additional hours appreciated.

Mary Ellen and Jennifer are going to strategize about making the process easier.

Pricing of books for sale was revisited. Consensus as follows: Adult Hardcover \$1.00; Softcover and paperbacks \$0.25 or 5/\$1.00; Children's books \$0.25 or 5/\$1.00; DVD's and CD's \$2.00

Signs

Lawn signs approved by The Aberdeen Friends were purchased by Jane Scocca and are currently being used. Thank you Jane for that work.

There was a proposal to have signs made to display at Library functions designated sponsorship of Aberdeen Friends and also in memory of Kathy McKenzie. Approved as an excellent idea and tribute. The Marketing department will determine the wording.

Jennifer had an update on an Electronic sign. In a comprehensive plan meeting with the City and Library Administration, a digital sign was mentioned. Jennifer shared that the Friends were just discussing and would be willing to assist in funding. The idea was positively received and will be added to our idea list for Library and county projects.

Volunteers:

The issue of being able to resume volunteering at the library was raised. Jennifer stated it is in the discussion phase and hopefully we would be able to start again soon. She will need volunteers for summer programs. She will keep us informed regarding dates and sign-up.

Any volunteer who would like to have an official Aberdeen Library shirt should let Jennifer know.

A new membership list is being made. Please make sure Jennifer has all your updated information.

Money Request:

The library has recognized a need for new magnatiles at the cost of \$300.00. Request approved.

Resignation

Mary Ellen has announced her resignation as President of the Aberdeen Friends effective September 13, 2022.

All have been asked to consider their willingness to step into this position. Please let Jennifer know. We thanked Mary Ellen for her service as President!

The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2022 at the Aberdeen Library.

Respectfully submitted: Kathy Gladfelter