

FRIENDS OF THE RINGWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

7:00 pm at the Library and via ZOOM

NOTES

Call to Order 7:04pm

In Attendance Wendy Leine, Fiona Rose, Eileen Manley, Shannon Prior, Amy Boyle Geisel, and Library Director Wendy Sandford

Chair's Remarks (Fiona Rose or Wendy Leine) WL acknowledged that we are heading into our busy season for fundraising events. FR welcomed new attendee Shannon Prior

Remarks from the Director (Wendy Sandford) WS announced that Miss Aleks, the YA librarian, is leaving and her last day will be October 13th. It will be all hands-on deck until someone new is hired. Miss Janet's last day was last month.

Financial Report (Eileen Manley) As of 8/31 we have \$18,214.59 in the bank with no outstanding bills.

Old Business:

- **End of Summer Reading Program Fiesta:** approx 80 attendees, positive feedback but lack of volunteers.
- **Jazz Up Comedy Fundraiser:** Coming up Sept. 30, 6:30pm. About 20 signed up so far. FR will post to Ringwood Moms and other FB groups.
- **Book Sale October 9-14:** Thank you to ABG for getting the signs done, and for disseminating information to teachers. Thank you to EM for getting information to the senior citizens. We will need volunteers! FR will post on social media pages and ABG has already sent to Lakeland and other service clubs. YA will stay upstairs. We will sell the remaining apparel. Wendy S to talk to town for extra dumpster removal. We could use donations of collapsible banker's boxes.
- **Cupsaw Lake Artisan Fair:** Saturday, Nov. 11. We will have a table and will need volunteers to staff. We will look for a crate's worth of children/YA books to sell at the table. FR approached Rachel Marko about donating 1-2 of her prints. Discussion started about what kinds of arts/crafts we could reasonably sell at the table (included WL son donating cat toys, FR daughter donating homemade dog biscuits to be paired with books about animals; donations from the sketch group, etc) but was tabled for a future meeting. We want to consider new merchandise (apparel, possibly mugs).

New Business:

- **Adding a Friends Budget line in 2024 budget:** FR and EM will look through notes from January to date to see what money we have spent so that WS can add a line item to the Library's budget
- EM requested that a leaf for the lobby tree be purchased in memory of Carol Baleigh, former treasurer and active member of the Friends, who passed away. ABG moved to spend the \$150, EM seconded and all were in favor. WS will arrange
- FR proposed meeting less frequently during our slower times. WS requested that one of us be present at the December Association meeting and that we address the Association at that time.

Next Meeting Date Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment 8:12pm