

Friends of the Jacob Edwards Library Meeting

July 29, 2024

Members present: Janie, Green, Mary, Beth, Carol, Andrea, Louise, Bernadette, Kathy, Margaret and Barbara via phone.

Bookmark contest:

Teens: only 2 entries received

- Abigail DeMelo won the 1st prize - Amazon \$50.00 gift card
- Sophie DeMelo won the 2nd prize - Amazon \$25.00 gift card

Kids:

- AnnaLise Sweet won the 1st prize -Dollar Tree gift card
- Samaira Ayala won the 2nd prize- Dollar Tree gift card
- Evoli Sweet won the 3rd prize - Dollar Tree gift card

Winning bookmarks for the teens will be on display during the December teen art experience. Winning bookmarks for the children will be displayed in the children's library. A suggestion of printing out the bookmarks was briefly discussed and nixed.

Secretary's report:

Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed with one correction (next book sale will be on 11/7-11/9). Bernadette made the motion to accept the minutes with the correction; Mary was the second. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report:

Barbara will send out the report by email.

5013c Progress:

Barbara will send out the necessary information to Delores and Bernadette to facilitate that process. Bernadette informed us all that they would need the last 5 years of info.

There is a fee for the 5013c process of \$600.00. Barbara will inform Delores of our debit card so that she can process the form once completed.

As a part of the process to complete the 5013c application, the by-laws must be updated. As a group we reviewed the current by-laws and revised several points that Bernadette had highlighted for us. Bernadette will make the changes to the original by-laws to reflect our current practices. These changes will be up for approval at the October meeting.

Annual meeting:

This will be held on October 7th and, as required by the by-laws, members need to be

notified 30 days in advance of the meeting and also the slate of officers to be voted on that day. We will accept nominations from the floor as well.

Slate of officers :

President: Carol McKinley
Vice President: Gereen Alerie
Secretary: Andrea Powers
Treasurer: Barbara Day

Gereen volunteered to add a write up to the monthly library newsletter informing all patrons as to what the Friends are up to in the hopes that we can expand our group of active members. Content will need to be given to the library about three business days before the end of each month.

Margaret informed the group of upcoming events at the library with several concerts coming in August. In addition, she mentioned a book presentation on Native Americans golf.

A dance/movement workshop for two different age groups is being offered by Katelyn Cramer, free of charge. The library would like to continue with the sessions and is requesting funding. As the instructor is not a Massachusetts resident, grant funding is not available. Margaret will get us specifics as to the number of participants and cost involved and send out via email.

Museum Passes:

Ecotarium pass will need to be renewed in August - \$250.00

Questions came up regarding how many of the passes were used. Beth suggested that for some of the ones not used a great deal we could let the passes expire and use the funds for other items. Andrea suggested that we just stick with the ones most frequently used. A request was made to receive the data from the previous year regarding usage of passes. Margaret will send out via email.

Next meeting will be held on September 9th. Andrea will be taking over the position of secretary at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Van Camp

Approved September 9th, 2024