



**February 2, 2023**

**Meeting was called to order by Marcia Rieder, President.**

**In attendance:**

**Officers:** Marcia Rieder, Carol Bryner, Darlene Bates

**BOD:** Ruthie Smith, Kathy Gephart, Cynthia Dare

**Library Staff:** Tony Jones

**Members:** Lola Hudson

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from January 2023 were read and approved. 1st. Ruthie Smith; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kathy Gephart. Thinking of You cards were signed by those in attendance to be sent to Dallas Milliner and Jeannie Morgan.

**Treasurer's Report:** Darlene Bates, treasurer, reported our checking balance as of January 2023 was \$8,379.11. We received the OVUC grant money \$5000. and \$63.00 from book sales for a total of \$5,063.00. Balance as of January 31, 2023, \$13,442.11. Treasurer report was approved 1<sup>st</sup>, Kathy Gephart; 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ruthie Smith

**President's Report:** Marcia Rieder reported we were recommended for the Special Grant from the OVUC for \$6000. We had asked for \$7500. The \$6000. will pay for the bookmobile to be wrapped and 4 refurbished I-Pads. If we accept this, the library must agree to make up the difference of \$1500. to complete the request for 4 events with the bookmobile outreach program introducing the WI FI capabilities, kids' projects and free books to be given away. Tony Jones will write a letter to the OVUC to accept this and agree that the library will fund the additional \$1,500. The committee position of liaison to the library has been dissolved. The President will be the Liaison between the FHCPL and the Library. If the president is unavailable, officers and/or board members will fill in for the president by request. Communication/Correspondence/Documents Committee has been dissolved. This is now under the President's role. All board members and officers have been given copies of the By-Laws by Marcia.

**Committee Reports:**

**Friends Archives /Publicity/Public Relations**– Cynthia Dare is the new chair of the former Friends Archives Committee. The Committee has an expanded role which now includes publicity and public relations matters. Committee members are Jeannie Morgan and Lola Hudson.

**Financial** - Darlene Bates, Treasurer, is the new chair of the financial committee. Committee members are Terri Cummings and Marcia Rieder.

**Membership** – Kathy Gephart, Chair. Kathy, Darlene and Marcia worked on correcting and getting addresses for new businesses for the membership drive at the end of February.

**Events and Activities** – Ruthie Smith is the new Chair. Carol, the outgoing chair, will write a procedure document for this committee. Cynthia Dare will help with this committee. Carol will also see that supplies are forwarded to Ruthie.

**Projects and Services Committee (formerly Literacy Promotion)** – Lola Hudson is the new chair. Committee members are Marcia Rieder, Ruthie Smith, Jo Ann Adams, Jeannie Morgan and Carol Bryner. Goals are to promote public awareness of the FHCPL, book sales and grant writing. Lola is knowledgeable with technology and will make a presentation in the future on how the Friends can use social media.

**Old Business:** Planning and Activity Survey

Marcia Rieder gave an overview of some of the results from the Friends survey we emailed to members.

Goals and objectives: Overall promoting literacy and public awareness were the concerns of everyone.

Describe something for which your Friends group is especially proud of or does well.

Overall, everyone liked what we have been doing such as writing grants and supporting the summer programs.

Do you want to continue annual membership drives? Yes, mail to all members and businesses a reminder of the renewal for membership in February. Tri-fold information/application for membership will be placed by the coffee bar at the library. Thank-you notes will be sent via email to those renewing their membership.

Membership fees will stay the same \$5 for individual, \$10 for a family, \$25 for businesses and \$100 for Lifetime. The time will stay the same at 3 p.m. to be no longer than an hour and 15 minutes.

Marcia will review more of the survey next month.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No new business.

**Library Updates:**

**Status of Plaque for Steve Metcalf.** Project has been completed. Steve had some granite and had someone engrave. The plaque reads (**Landscaped by EHS Community Based Problem-Solving Class 2022**) and has been placed in the garden.

Suzanne Banta is requesting funding for a Learning Depot Farmers Market \$245 to set up after the Science in Play 2 Go leaves at the end of February. This was approved 1<sup>st</sup>, Ruthie Smith; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lola Hudson.

Tony gave the Friends, an author signed book for the Friends to use as a giveaway or whatever we wanted to use it for.

The Library has a survey on the web and paper copies at the desk are available for each to take.

**Upcoming Events:**

Spring Shindig April 2023

**Announcements:** No new announcements currently.

**Next Meeting is March 2, 2023**

**Adjourned:** 1<sup>st</sup>, Darlene Bates; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lola Hudson

**Carol Bryner, Secretary**