

Friends of the Library
Minutes, March 13, 2024
Board Meeting

Present:

Sally Banfield, President	Beverly Bell, Vice President
Sue Danhauer, Treasurer	Janet James, South Rep
Joyce Patton, New Concord Rep	Amy Goffee, At Large, Bookstore
Stacey Russell, Executive Director, MCLS	Joanne Brown, Nominating Comm.
Sean Fennell, Market/Comm. Relations	John Furek, At Large

Absent:

Karla Frye, Secretary	Anna Marie Katt, Past President
Laura Black Natalie, At Large	

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 by President Sally Banfield. The minutes of the February meeting were reviewed. John Furek made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Janet James, and the motion passed. The minutes will be posted on the MCLS homepage under the Friends link.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue Danhauer presented the January and February reports. Expenses included the Ohio Business Sales Tax for the Bookstore and the subscription for the 2024 BookPage. Income included donations, book carts, mystery box sale, memberships, romance sale, audiobook sale, and interest. Balance in treasury was \$18621.82. Allocated funds for 2024 are 2024 summer reading at \$10000, MVGS Planter Sponsorship at \$125, Ohio Library Council membership and Carr Cake Center Donation. Report was filed for an audit.

Library Update:

- Volunteers spent 120 hours helping with the library and bookstore, the total volunteer hours this year are 252.
- The BookPage that is sponsored by the Friends is being distributed with ten copies going to each branch and the remainder at the Main library.
- A motion was made by Sue and seconded by Joyce to table discussion of placing book shelves at various locations during the remodel until the May meeting. Motion passed.
- A request was made to fund snacks for the June Literacy Festival that will take place on June 1st. Sue made a motion and John seconded to fund \$350. Motion passed.
- Membership in the Ohio Library Council was approved for \$25.
- Stacey Russell reported about four open positions at the library, including Dresden, Children's Youth Services, and Custodial.
- Summer Reading theme is ***“Adventure Begins at Your Library.”***

Branch Reports:

- New Concord Branch Library: Joyce Patton reported that the New Concord Friends will host a Pancake and Paperbacks Breakfast on April 6th, from 7 until 11 AM. Their current display is Women Who Changed the World with a poster for patron comments; their theme for April is Earth Day.
- Roseville Branch Library: Bev Bell reported that the next meeting for Roseville Friends is March 21st at 5 PM. Plants have begun for the Farmers' Market, which will take place every other week during the summer, and all past vendors have already committed to participate.
- Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library: Bev Bell reported she has contacted a few people about attending the next Duncan Falls Friends meeting on March 19th. She will also be attending if able.
- South Branch Library: Janet James reported that the next meeting is Thursday, March 21, at 5 PM. Donations for the upcoming Craft Sale will begin on March 18 and run through March 24. Sue, Janet, and other members will package materials for the sale which will take place the week of April 22 to 27. If you donate craft materials, you will be entered in a drawing for a \$25 Hobby Lobby gift card.

Committee Updates:

- Membership: An Ad Hoc committee worked on a draft letter for Corporate Membership. The letter was presented, and a few changes were made. Joyce Patton moved and John Furek seconded that the letter with corrections be used and that mailing would take place in mid-August with a follow-up during Friends Week in October.
- Bookstore: This month, there is a sale on mystery books. The lobby book/audiobook and romance events brought in quite a few monetary donations.
- Two Buck a Bag Book Sale: Set up is Friday, May 3rd, from 11 to 1. The sale for members will only begin at 10:30 a.m. and run until 12:00 on Saturday, May 4. The public sale will begin at noon and end at 2 p.m. Bev Bell has secured bags with a generous donation from Riesbeck's.
- Membership: Sue Danhauer reported total membership of 182 with 96 lifetime members, 66 individuals, 17 families and 3 patrons.
- Nominating Committee: Joanne reported that she is contacting people to fill the Treasurer's position for the two-year term beginning in 2025.
- Program/Funding: April 10th, 2024, is the date for **Books and Brews** to be held at Weasel Boy Brewery. The event will run from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. It will include live music by Brian Smith, Snacks, Two mini-trivia games, two free books, three raffle tickets with extra tickets available for purchase as well as a free beer, a glass of wine, a soft drink, or a \$4 off a cocktail from the Rum room. Set up will take place beginning at 4 PM. If you would like tickets register at the MCLS website events page. Purchase must be made with cash or check.
- Publicity/Public Relations: Bev Bell will do promotions for both the Two Buck a Bag Sale and Books and Brews with Sally acting as backup if needed.

Due to a conflict with our event, the April meeting is canceled, so the next meeting will be

May 8, 2024, in the Library Board Room.