Friends of the MCLS Board Meeting Wednesday, June 12, 2024

Present:

Sally Banfield, President Sue Danhauer, Treasurer Karla Frye, Secretary Janet James, South Rep Joanne Brown, Nominating Committee Joyce Patton, New Concord Rep Laura Natalie, At Large Stacey Russell, Executive Director, MCLS Sean Fennell, Marketing/Community Relations

Absent:

John Furek, Member At Large Amy Goffee, At-Large, Bookstore, Resigning Beverly Bell, Vice President Anna Marie Katt, Past President

Call to Order:

President Sally Banfield called the meeting to order at 4:03. The minutes of the May 8, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Janet James made a motion to accept the minutes. Laura Natalie seconded, and the motion passed. The minutes will be posted on the MCLS homepage under the Friends link.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sue Danhauer reported a May ending balance of \$15,256.61. The previous balance was \$21,227.11, with deposits in May of \$4029.50 and expenses totaling \$10,000 for the summer reading program.

Library Updates:

- Sean Fennell reported 2197 people came through the door during the first week of the Family Reading kickoff. This was the highest attendance ever by about 300 people.
- Stacey Russell reported that the library did not receive two grants that had been applied for to help with the library renovation. The Library Board will discuss a path forward at their June meeting. The library has three new staff members, primarily serving branch libraries.

Branch Reports:

- Joyce Patton, New Concord rep reported that they had more than 100 people at their summer reading kickoff. They will have a \$2 a bag and bake sale on August 3rd, and are considering expanding the sale over the next three days.
- Sally Banfield reported for Roseville Rep. Beverly Bell. They had good crowds at the Roseville and Duncan Falls summer reading kickoffs.
- South Rep. Janet James reported that they gave away two bikes as part of their summer reading kickoff.

Committee Updates:

- Nominating: the committee is still seeking a new treasurer. Joanne is working diligently on this.
- Membership: A motion was made by Joyce Patton to table our plans to increase corporate membership until 2025, and instead encourage community support of the library renovation. Laura Natalie seconded and the motion carried.
- Bookstore: Amy Goffee has resigned from the board as she is moving out of state. She will be missed. Joanne Brown will be the bookstore contact person for now. Stacey Russell noted that the Friends bookstore probably can stay open until mid September. The lobby sale and bookstore sales are going well. The next \$2 a bag sale at the main library will be on August 24, 2024. We will advertise it as a final sale before the library closes for renovation.

The meeting adjourned at 5:06

The next meeting is Wednesday, July 10, at 4:00 PM in the board room.