

Friends of South Milwaukee Library
Meeting October 10, 2024

ATTENDANCE: David Allen, Sue Anderson, Anne Borland, Pat Budish (acting pres), Erin DeMont, Valerie Jean, Bethany Meyer, Michele Perlongo, Patty Robinson, Clinton Verley.

EXCUSED: Sue Hebner (pres)

WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER & APPROVAL OF AGENDA: By Pat Budish @ 5:30 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approval of Financial Statement checks/payments:

June: Deposits: \$13,600.00: BE Grant; \$251.75: June Book Nook sales; \$10.00: New Member. Debits: \$100.00 Sandy Moen (Barre); \$25.50 Raffle License

July: Deposits: \$500.00: Private Donor; \$7,533.00: NY Life Grant (thanks to Valerie Jean); \$335.86: Cousins Subs Fundraiser. Debits: \$1,269.96: Debit card Sue Hebner purchase of I pads & cases.

August: Deposits: \$181.75: July Book Nook sales; \$500.00 Zoo Pass. Debits: \$500.00 Zoo Pass (in error deposit directed to Friends, rather than to Library); \$1,776.93 chairs & side tables for upstairs; \$3,512.27 computer workstations for upstairs.

September: Deposits: \$156.00: August Book Nook sales; \$230.22: Cousins Subs fundraiser; \$10.00 New Membership. Debits: no expenditures.

2. Treasurer's Report: With Valerie Jean stepping down as treasurer, she suggested it may be a good time to look at other financial institutions. BMO Harris, where funds currently are, has a high yield account which is only available for business accounts. They offer a higher yield account attached to the checking account with ease of transfer, but charge for counting coins. Other local banking establishments ie Guardian Credit Union, do not. Decision: **TABLED**

3. Reimburse Clinton \$91.00 donated to Friends through his Facebook Birthday fund used for better bike racks at the library: **TABLED** at Clint's request until he determines that the Facebook funds have been actually received by SM Library.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Membership Update: Tristan and Bethany have copied Sue/Patty via email of all new members. Patty will update the database in time for the book sale.

2. Upcoming Events:

a. Fall Book Sale November 2, 2024: **Vendor Tables**: Sarah Brooks has submitted application & \$30.00 payment. Waiting on application/payment from Chi Shed & Divine Mercy. Previous discussion at May meeting set limit at four vendors due to space. **Grobschmidt Senior Center Quilt Donation**: Sandy Quinlan brought a beautiful fall quilt made by quilters from the senior center. Michele motioned, Sue seconded

raffle ticket prices at \$2.00 for one or three for \$5.00. Bethany will make a flyer. The quilt raffle will be located by the bakery in the library lobby. There are three ceiling hooks from which the quilt can hang. Drawing will be at 2:00 p.m. Winner need not be present to win. Suggestion: have tickets printed with name, phone number, Raffle Lic # and "need not be present to win." Needed: Box to put tickets in. Valerie will man the bake sale and raffle sale.

Cousins Fundraiser: December 12th (as indicated on Friends2024 Calendar of Events prepared by Sue H)

Black History Month Musical Journey Saturday, February 8, 2025: Jim Feeney, WI Blues Association contact, requests \$350.00 for the musicians. Last year there was also a "tip" bucket in circulation during the event. Bake Sale occurred both upstairs and downstairs.

Library Update by Bethany: (given round of applause as the new head librarian) \$3,000.00 currently collected for **Explore Passes**. \$500.00 more needed. **Election Day News:** reminder the library will be used exclusively for voting; no patron activity ie use of computers, checking in/out books. Bake Sale - All in attendance at the meeting agreed to have the election day bake sale, even though it comes so close to the book/bake sale. **Children's Book Nook:** staff is working on decorating the area. **BE Fund:** provided games for kids, the computer stations, chairs and couches, specially sized for children. The Board will discuss waivers for computer use at their next meeting.

Old Business:

Civic Grant Update: BE Fund: see comments above.

Book Sale: Adding Local Vendors: see notes above. **Adding a Bag Sale:** After discussion, agreed to have a bag sale exclusively for three dot books in the "Last Chance" area, using standard paper grocery store bags as the uniform bag, selling @ \$5.00 per bag. NOTE: Clint, Patty & possibly David Allen & Deb Povlich will meet Monday, October 14th @ 4 p.m. to organize the "Last Chance" book area, as some has spilled over into the regularly priced shelving. Michele has a connection with Festival Foods and may be able to get bags in bulk. Each attendee was encouraged to bring bags to the Library before the sale. **Adding a Blind Date With A Book Sale:** Pat explained with photos. An SM Library staff member or SM Friend chooses a book, wraps it in plain brown paper with a bow, adding a few written hints about the book on the front, ie takes place in England, haunting love story, etc. All wrapped books will be placed in one area with \$1.00 price. May or may not be ready for this upcoming sale.

HOURS OF SALE: 9am-2pm for Friends members, 10am-2pm for general public

Motion to Adjourn: motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. by Michele; seconded by David, all ayes.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 12, 2024 5:30 p.m. @ Library (Annual Meeting and Election of Officers)

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Robinson, Friends of SM Library Secretary