

## South Milwaukee Friends of the Library Meeting

10/12/23

Attendees:

Tristan Boswell - Director  
Sue Hebner - President  
Sandy Moen – Vice President  
Ann Laabs  
Patty Robinson  
Pat Budish  
Maria Fischbach

Called to Order: 6:03pm

- Approval of Agenda – Patty moved, Pat seconded, all aye - passed
- Communications from public members – All members present were able to see a demonstration prior to the meeting of the new Self check out feature on the app. Ann discussed 3 dot items can be placed on the back table behind the check out desks. Pat had an idea to create a “Last Chance” section in our newly open space in the basement. Sandy and Ann will try to meet to plan out potential new layout for the books.
- Action Items
  - Financial Statements / Treasurer’s Report Emailed to group by Cheryl
  - Budget was approved by members at the meeting
    - Sandy presented a program idea called Barre and Babies which would be geared towards parents of young children to come workout on Fridays at 10:30AM for a half hour. She requested \$500 for purchasing mats and resistance bands for the program. With support from the Barre Collective in town, they also have offered to donate weights for the program.
    - Tristan will double check that the library has insurance for such an event, but she is sure that they do.
    - Ann motioned to approve the \$500. Pat Seconded. All aye - passed
    - Tristan asked that we consider making sure we set aside \$300 for the Black History Month Event
    - Further in the future, Tristan asked that we consider setting aside funds from each fundraiser for updating the elevator to be ada accessible. We decided to table this discussion for the next meeting.
- Membership update: had one new member who checked interested in volunteer opportunities.
- Bowling Fundraiser Sunday, October 22 - Continue to spread the word. Currently at 45 attendees and can have up to 100. Under the friends licensing umbrella we will have a Raffle and silent Auction. This is a family event, and we have a number of local businesses donating items for the raffle and auction. Bethany, Tristan, Erin, and Cheryl are all going to be present to help run the event. If anyone else is interested in volunteering, please touch base with Tristan.

- Book and Bake Sale November 4th Update: Call for Volunteers, passed out sign up form
- Sue presented a copy of the final application for the Potowatomi Canal Street grant. If awarded, the money would be used for the children's computer area.
- In connection with Bucyrus, Tristan is discussing fundraising for a coin vertex, but not sure where would be best for displaying such item. Tristan and Sue will be presenting information to the Bucyrus club on Oct 26th
- New Childrens' Materials: there is a really cool, interactive projector and mat that kids can play on. It was discussed possibly making it a shoe free activity to help keep it's longevity. There is also a new tree house climber and a kids work table (which has a small chip, and we discussed just utilizing it anyway since the company won't take it back)
- New Business: Set book sales for 2024 as the first Saturday of May and first Saturday of November. Also discussed hosting a tea social to energize members, recruit new volunteers, orient new volunteers for possibly January. Patty suggested offering one free book from the nook and a tour and tips of the library.
- Bylaws concerns: Sue mentioned that another concern is that we should have 15 people at the yearly meeting. Tristan is gonna check with Lynn and other friends groups for options on how we could rewrite the bylaws.
- Big Thank you to Patty for bringing delicious baked goods and popcorn tonight.
- Sandy motioned to adjourn. Pat second. All aye

Adjourned: 7:15PM

Next meeting date: Thursday, December 14th, 6PM at the library – please plan to attend since this will be the final meeting of the year, and we will have openings for new officers.