

FRIENDS BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2020

Present: Dave Baylen, Mame Bradley, Jack Ganzer. Alice Platt, Paula Ptaszek, Thea Schoep, Barbara Ullman, Mario Verna, Mary Elizabeth Vincent. Marion Vosburgh

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Book Sales: The recent book sales generated \$1644. Half the money will go to the FRIENDS and half to the general fund. Unlike previous sales there were no expenses.

Book-it: After expenses Book-it netted approximately \$1000.

Membership: Jack reported there are about 12 "active" FRIENDS and 45-50 who are currently or have been members recently. A discussion was continued from the previous meeting as to when and how to solicit membership fees from those whose year has expired. One way is to do it on a rolling basis each month, the other to do it on an annual basis. Another possibility is to receive a percentage of the year end donations pursued by the Board, since each donor will be considered a FRIEND. The Membership Committee will meet to make a recommendation as to which method to use.

Solicitation of Funds: Also continued from the previous meeting was a discussion about the solicitation of funds from two groups, the Board and the FRIENDS. All agreed they need to be carefully coordinated so as not to create confusion or negative feelings among those solicited. The Membership Committee will meet to form a recommendation.

National FRIENDS of the Library Week. A FRIENDS promo is currently on the front page of the website.

Committees: Below are the FRIENDS Committees;

Communication:

Mario Verna - Chair
Alice Platt
Paula Ptaszek
Thea Schoep

Finance:

Marion Vosburgh - Chair
Thea Schoep
Mario Verna

Events:

Paula Ptaszek- Chair
Virginia Ambrose
Thea Schoep
Jane Case

Membership:

Jack Ganzer - Chair
Virginia Ambrose
Jane Case
Thea Schoep

Liaison to CFL Board - Paula Ptaszek

Liaison from CFL Board - Mary Elizabeth Vincent

Wish List for 2021

Thea Schoep presented the following list of activities she would like to see the FRIENDS fund in 2021. Decisions will be made at a future date.

Museum Passes - \$1200

Hoopla - \$1000 Perhaps share with Philmont which would reduce the cost

Kanopy - \$900

Battle of the Books - \$500

JR Engineering - \$500 (Possibly funded by a company)

Holiday Book Sale It was suggested that a book sale be held for 3 or 4 days the week of November 16. In addition to books several vendors will be allowed to participate. The Events Committee will meet soon to work out all the details.

Web Site Update: The FRIENDS page linked from the Library landing page has been updated, per language agreed by the FRIENDS Group via email. Work will continue to add a pulldown menu to link to FRIENDS specific membership, minutes and finance information.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be November 16 at 5PM.