

FRIENDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

PRESENT: Dave Baylen, Alice Platt, Paula Ptaszek, Thea Schoep, Mario Verna, Mary Elizabeth Vincent, Marion Vosburgh

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The current situation for 2021 is; Income, \$4,648, Expense \$2,660, Balance \$12,323.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Verna reported that the audio/visual system that has been installed in the Community Room has proved to be rather sophisticated and not easy to use. There are additions that would make it more user friendly. These will be investigated further to determine the best way to solve the problem.. It was agreed to earmark \$6,000 for the A/V system. Also in connection with the Community Room it has been suggested that moveable tables should be acquired to make the room more functional.

EVENTS COMMITTEE: Ptaszek reported the food trucks are continuing through October as planned. A new flyer is being created for the food pantry to communicate what is needed. For the Creativity Amid Chaos show there will be a need for monitors, schedules to follow.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Currently the lowest level for membership in the FRIENDS is \$20. The way this is communicated vs higher levels is not always clear, This should be adjusted for consistent information across all forms of communication.

Continuing ongoing discussions about annual membership dues collected at one set month of the year vs a rolling system, Baylen suggested the current rolling system should be rethought as it is difficult to manage. This will be pursued.

WISH LIST: The purchase of an iPad for use in the library will be further pursued to determine the best use of the funds, as the costs range from about \$329 to \$600. It was agreed to earmark \$600 for the iPad. The purchase and installation of bike racks and a bike repair station is also being pursued and will be decided by the library Board. A metal picnic table will be purchased when the specific brand is agreed upon. It was agreed to earmark \$1400 for the table. Consideration of purchasing a Hoopla subscription for 2022 will be discussed at a future meeting.

FALL BOOK SALE: New donations for the Fall Book Sale started today. Donations will continue to be accepted on the dates made public with a limit of two boxes per donor. It was suggested that some form of thank you should be held after the Book Sale to thank all the volunteers, perhaps a party with food. This will be pursued.

NEXT MEETING: October 11, 2021, 7PM.