

FRIENDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2022

Present: Jane Case, Paula Ptaszek, Alice Platt Thea Schoep, Mario Verna, Mary Elizabeth Vincent, Marion Vosburgh

Minutes: The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Vosburgh reported a current balance of \$14,016.

Communications Committee: A discussion was held regarding thank you letters and renewal letters. Vincent noted that with the current system of recording it is difficult in some cases to determine who is a member of the Friends. In the future when renewal letters are sent out in August there will be a return card indicating the person has renewed. In this regard Verna volunteered to meet with Baylen to create a spreadsheet to identify all current members.

Events Committee: Ptaszek stated the food pantry donations were continuing at a good pace. But she needs help in driving the donations to Philmont, Vincent will give her a list of the Friends members so she may contact them to ask for assistance.

Wish List: Discussions were held about a number of the items on the library's 2022 wish list but it was decided not to make any decisions until the next meeting. In the meantime more research into some items will be explored. The items are:

- Hoopla - about \$1200 per year
- Kanopy- About \$1200 per year
- Family Make and Take - about \$100 per month
- Water Bottle Station - about \$1000 - \$1500 including labor
- Podium for Community Room - about \$170

The following are wish list items from 2021

- Bike racks and repair station - \$3000 plus
- Support Program for Staff Costs
- Square Aluminum table - on back order, estimated cost \$1400
- Sign Boards for outdoor use

As previously agreed Ptaszek will send letters asking for support of the bike rack and repair station.

Case will research the sign board issue to determine options and costs.

Banner Design: Ptaszek presented two options for design of the banner when used for membership recruitment. It was agreed to use the first (with worm and 'join us') with minor changes.

Friends Timeline: Verna will update the timeline (vendor craft fair, children event) and email the revised timeline when completed.

New Business: Case suggested the library do a major children's holiday event assuming the status of covid is satisfactory. This will be pursued.

It was agreed book donations will be accepted starting February 2 with acceptance times of Wednesdays 5-7PM and Saturdays 10-Noon.

Next Meeting: February 14, 7:15PM.