

Claverack Free Library  
Monthly Meeting of the Friends of the Claverack Library (held at CFL)  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, October 12, 2023, 5:00 PM

Present: Mario Verna, Nancy Eos, Paula Ptaszek, Ann Singleton, Marion Vosburgh, Mame Bradley (BOT rep), Thea Schoep (Librarian). Absent: Karolyn Schwab, Michael Sullivan.

1. Call to order by Mario Verna, chair/pres, at 5:03 pm quorum present.  
Nancy motioned, Ann seconded & Approved the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.
2. Financial Report – 9/30/2023 balance: \$9,380.13 – Marion.  
Note: Elevator maintenance has increased rates immensely. Mario needed more detail on certain items. Discussed. Thea & Marion to resolve.  
Some items purchased with Friends funds (e.g. surveillance monitor) have arrived but cost not debited due to credit card billing cycle.
3. Public comments. none
4. Committee Reports.  
Communications committee – Mario. Network for Good discussed. Comment: very good system for our use. Problem: if we sustain the increase in people in the database, we will be bumped to a higher rate of usage and the increased cost may be substantial. Question: cull or what? Discussion. The volunteer database crew are spending a lot of time and energy here. The BOT will decide how best to proceed.  
Events committee – Paula, “food pantry is still going on.”  
Membership committee – Ann. Per Network for Good database, about 145 members. Much discussion here.
5. CFL Wish List Status - Mario.  
Nothing to vote on tonight.  
Two new items given: card tables and lighter weight 3-step ladder.
6. Friends Timeline.  
Discussion about proposed Triform Choir & pottery sale.  
Discussion about December Knitted Hats Auction: the kits were \$35 apiece.
7. Fall Book Sale Status – Ann / Paula. IT’S OVER! We stressed that it is a **Community Event**. (And not at all just a fund raiser. Thus, decisions should be made with the community in mind.)  
Much discussion – more to be at review time. Initial gross: \$12,855. Initial expenses: \$2,517
8. Raffle Status – Paula. Suspected initial gross \$2045.
9. Newspaper Status – Karolyn. Last newsletter very well received.
10. Volunteer Appreciation Celebration – Mario. Suggested to move to April.

11. New Business.

Thea: ELLN, an early childhood event to be at the library: money needed for about 20 lunches. Motion by Mario for \$200, seconded by Paula. Approved.

Meeting adjourned 6:21pm EDT. Paula motioned; Nancy seconded. Approved. 5:55pm.

Next meeting **Monday November 13, 2023 at 5:00 pm.**

Scribed by: Nancy Eos  
 Checked by: Mario Verna

<b>Friends Debited 2023 Spending</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Actual Cost</b>
	Book sale 18" card holders 1 set of 12	Friends donation	\$42.00
	Hanging Rails for history room	Friends donation	\$607.71
	Book Storage Unit for story time	Friends donation	\$378.15
	Outdoor Signs to advertise events	Friends donation	\$248.96
	Banner Design	Friends donation	\$234.42
	Battle of the Books – 400 flyers	Friends donation	\$92.81
	Book sale 12" card holders 1 set of 12	Friends donation	\$34.97
	Coffee cups for 'Free Coffee' day	Friends donation	\$24.69
	Book-It: 48 Medal cookies	Book-It	\$48.00
	Book-It: Bibs	Book-It	\$35.14
	Book-It: ??	Book-It	\$2.42
	Battle of the Books 10-Player Quiz System (with buttons) ( <a href="https://buzzersystems.com/product/10-player-quiz-system/">https://buzzersystems.com/product/10-player-quiz-system/</a> )	Friends donation	\$399.95
	Philmont Public Library (revenue)	Book-It	\$1,413.50
	Friends pens	Friends donation	\$180.00
	Book-It Hats	Book-It	\$985.40
	A/V mixer repair (from SPORTIESOUND)	Friends donation	\$197.19
	14" HP laptop, 2 TB HD, 16GB RAM	Friends donation	\$599.00
	Elevator maintenance 4/1 - 6/30/2023	Friends donation	\$563.04
	Elevator maintenance 7/1 - 9/30/2023	Friends donation	\$563.04
	Stamps	Friends donation	\$126.00
	Paypal fees	Friends donation	\$31.29
	Midwest Tape, LLC	Friends donation	\$1,200.00
	Table runner with (1) library logo and (2) Friends logo (debited is library runner)	Friends donation	\$36.26
	250 grey tote bags with Friends logo	Friends donation	\$977.20
	Bookmarks with hours	Friends donation	\$67.39
	Table runner with (1) library logo and (2) Friends logo (debited is Friends runner)	Friends donation	\$35.58
	Battle of the Books – T-shirt decoration	Friends donation	\$9.89

	Battle of the Books – T/Shirts and lunch	Friends donation	\$124.81
	Battle of the Books – ?	Friends donation	\$26.77
	Elevator maintenance 10/1/23 - 12/31/23	Friends donation	\$582.72
	Elevator maintenance surcharge	Friends donation	\$100.00
	<b>Total Actual:</b>		<b>\$9,968.30</b>