

## Friends Meeting 1/2/2024

Meeting opened at 6:30, President Beth Plas welcoming 12 in attendance.

November minutes were distributed and approved.

Membership report: 59 regular, 13 Golden

Treasurer Report: Regular Checking balance as of 11/20/2023 was \$8,755.28. Ending balance as of 1/1/2024 was \$7570.14 after operating expenses.

RBTW Account balance as of 1/2/2024 was \$30,710.87.

### **Book Sale Report**

The Winter Raffle tickets at the sale were available until Old Fashioned Christmas on December 1 and netted \$809.54. The winner donated the sled back to the Library. The funds were donated to the Library.

The spring sale dates are May 6-10, 2024 with setup Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4. Rita Thompson will serve as the sale Co-Chair with Sharon O'Neil. Phil mentioned that he helped clean out a home and has about 700 paperbacks to donate to the spring sale. The committee is meeting on 1/19/2024.

### **Director Report**

Adele inquired about the RBTW Sponsorship funds. The Executive Committee will meet 1/11/2024 and finalize the Programming Funds Contribution from RBTW Sponsorships. Sponsorships totaled \$13,351 with \$3950 directed to endowment. That leaves \$9,401 earmarked for Programming funds over the next two years. In the past, the Friends retained the funds and paid for programming as requests came from the departments; some discussion was held regarding handling it differently this time. The library has the budget year programs identified, according to the Director.

January 20<sup>th</sup> will be the Library's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party at the Library from 9:30am-5:00pm. There will be food, raffles, a Charley Cart cooking demo by Tami, Maker Space demos, along with many other activities. The Local History Room will be open with microphones to capture local memories from patrons. The Friends will host a table with membership information and there will be a Friends display case. Marilyn will coordinate coverage for the table. Volunteers included Rita, Phil, Darlene and Beth.

Fred requested that the Friends sponsor the refreshments for the January 20<sup>th</sup> event. He suggested cake and cupcakes from Cupcake Nook and cookies, sandwich trays and punch. A motion was made and passed to donate \$500 to sponsor the refreshments.

March 9<sup>th</sup> is the Volunteer Breakfast at 9:00am – by invitation.

The Library will close the day of the eclipse in April.

### **Trustee Report**

No Trustees were in attendance.

### **Old Business**

No old business.

At 7pm, Scott Wohlwend from Noted Coffee Roasters, one of our Membership Perks Sponsors discussed coffee brewing and conducted a coffee tasting of his special Grafton Blend Dark Roast. Scott's website is [notedcoffeeroasters.com](http://notedcoffeeroasters.com). His coffee is served at Village Coffee and Creamery, Grounded Yoga, Franklin Brewing, and numerous other local businesses. The best way to obtain your 4oz coffee beans membership perk is to email him at [notedcoffee@gmail.com](mailto:notedcoffee@gmail.com). Whole bean coffee can be purchased on his website or at Grounded Yoga.

Next meeting will be held February 6, 2024

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

