

Friends Meeting 5/7/2024

Meeting opened at 6:30, President Beth Plas welcomed 14 in attendance.

Minutes for April were read and approved with one correction.

Membership Report: 116 members and 14 golden members.

Treasurer Report: Operating Account beginning balance \$7797.05 on 5/7/2024. After expenses and deposits, ending balance was \$8622.97. Encumbered dollars include \$1500.19 for Library Support and \$1144.74 for Lakeland Grant for Pantry goods. RBTW CD Balance: \$20,167.63.

Book Sale Report

The Raffle theme for the Spring Booksale will be Picnic.

The spring sale dates are May 6-10, 2024. Rita Thompson will serve as the sale Co-Chair with Sharon O'Neil and they reported first day sales of \$1112.

Director Report

Adele mentioned they have closed their leased storage unit due to escalating cost. The unit was cleaned out and remaining items were moved into the shed on property. Unfortunately, that means there is less space for book sale books. No community donations can be accepted at this time.

She advised that the Board has identified another potential property site for expansion. It is a property adjacent to Our Lady Queen of Peace that has just recently gone up for sale. The architects identified that we need 5 acres for our site.

The summer reading program theme is Adventure.

Trustee Report

No Trustees were in attendance.

Old Business

The office of Vice President is open since Kathy Hyle is stepping down.

Business

At the March Board meeting, it was decided that 2025 membership dues will increase. The Board reviewed other local groups and felt it was warranted. Discussion followed and it was

agreed that Seniors will be \$10, Individuals will be \$20, Families \$30. Further discussion will follow regarding the increase for Lifetime membership – it is currently \$100. It was decided that Lifetime (Golden) membership cost will be \$150. New prices will start with 2025 year.

It was decided that the Friends will NOT participate in the community Trash to Treasures event on Saturday, June 8.

The Library has declined to participate in 2024 GMPL Express outings, so the Friends will plan accordingly. We will schedule the James A Garfield House National Historic Site outing in the fall once the Browns schedule comes out (that affects availability of our transportation).

Beth has confirmed the dates for the Food Preservation Series: Mondays, August 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 6-7:30pm. Venue to be announced. Stacy Stangel from Central State will be conducting the sessions, which will include canning and dehydration.

We will also ask Amber Pompeii from Cleveland Tea Revival to do a presentation on tea blending/tasting.

We will reschedule the GMPL Express trip to the Maltz Museum for April, in hopes that they will be offering free admission during Holocaust month. Brenda will follow up.

Nancy Klinghshirn dropped off information asking if the group would be interested in holding a Scentsy Fundraiser. Further discussion to follow.

The Board is looking into alternative storage facilities as well as a cost-savings measure. One suggestion was Grafton School.

President Beth thanked Phil and his wife for maintaining the Free Little Library outside the library.

The Friends Free Little Food Pantry continues to get donations from the Church every other week, although supplies are limited. We will continue to fund our Free Little Personal Pantry (inside the library lobby) with grant monies.

Next meeting will be held June 4, 2024

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Jalowiec, Secretary

