

# Minutes for the Friends of the Library Meeting –

6:30 January 24th, 2017

Members in attendance: Chris Alquist, Emily Raffaelli, Nancy Bird, Cindy Barth, Gloria Melton, and Maria Bergstrom

Meeting called to order at 6:31

## New Business

### **General Millage-**

We have approximately \$400 in our Ballot Question Committee Account. We are looking for ways to fundraise so we are ready for the upcoming general millage. We need to raise money and be able to track donations by names. We also discussed the “Dark Store” and how it will affect the library.

Maria would like to get more clarification of the rules about election finances as they apply to our group. We will do some research by checking with other Friends groups and also with any national organizations, like the American Library Association, which might have online resources. Emily will get in contact with the Friends of the Peter White library in Marquette.

### **Fundraising-**

We are going to need to raise funds for both the Ballot Question Committee for the millage renewal and to support the library

### **Letter**

We are going to send a fundraising letter to individuals and groups that we know asking for donations.

### **Booksale**

The book sale is set for February 25th from 10:00-1:00 (12:00-1:00 half price sale)

\*\*\*New this year we are going to offer a special book sale sneak peak! It will run from 6:00 to 8:00 on February 24th. We are going to charge a \$5 entrance fee plus we are going to have live music and we are going to ask the following places for donations:

Amy J Creations -Treats (Nancy will ask)

Lunch Bag - Fudge (Emily will ask)

5th and Elm - Coffee (we need someone to ask)\_\_\_\_\_

Walmart - gift card purchase juice and/or crackers and cheese (we need someone to ask)\_\_\_\_\_

We need some more help too!

Friday afternoon set up -MaryFran and Maria and any others available

Workers for the Friday night sneak peek - \_\_\_\_\_

Workers for the morning sale 10:00 -12:00 - \_\_\_\_\_

Workers for the ½ price sale and the clean up hour from 1:00 to 2:00 - \_\_\_\_\_

We need someone to contact the radio stations to advertise the event! - \_\_\_\_\_

We also need someone to make a poster for the event! - \_\_\_\_\_

We also could use some more books! So look through your bookshelves for any books that you could donate!

We will put out a general call for book donations among Friends members and also library patrons to make sure we have a great selection of books for both Friday and Saturday.

We will also have printed some nice "Love Your Library" bookmarks that we can give away with each sale of books. The purpose will be to promote the Friends (will feature our email address and other information about what we do and how people can get involved). We should have a signup list for people who would like to join the Friends email list.

We also discussed the red t-shirts with our Love Your Library logo. We would like all Friends members working the sale to wear them, and will put in a new order for shirts. Friends who want to order a specific size should let Maria know. We will also order an assortment of sizes to have on hand to sell at the book sale. Chris thinks there may be some of the older shirts still in storage, and we will get those out as well.

### **Love Your Library Reception**

In October we had talked about having a reception to thank people who helped out with the efforts in the Chassell elections. New plans are to combine a Friends "thank you" with the Winter Carnival event hosted at the library for library staff, library board members, and Friends of the Library members. We will check with Dillon and Jennifer Donovan (Board President) about also inviting a few key people who contributed to the Chassell efforts. The Friends will contribute a "Love Your Library" cake with our logo.

### **Library Staff Appreciation**

Although we have typically done this in January, because we missed that date we will target National Library Week (April 9-15) and especially Tuesday, April 11, which is designated National Library Workers Day. We will bring in food for the staff to enjoy a lunch/dinner hosted by the Friends. More details will be worked out at our next meeting.

### **Next meeting of the Friends**

We will meet again on Tuesday, March 21, at 6:30 pm at the back table in the library.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Raffaelli