

Friends of Portage Lake District Library

Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2018

Members present: Nancy Bird, Maria Bergstrom, Mary Fran Desrochers, Tommy Gilpin, Dana Pakulski

1. Update on book storage for Friends book sales: for now we are able to store books on shelves in the staff workspace. This seems to be working out. Maria also mentioned to Dillon that if plans for coffee service in the entryway don't work out, the Friends would like to talk about a permanent space for ongoing books sales.
2. Funds from Scavenger Hunt-- We have about \$1225 in proceeds from the Scavenger Hunt. Dillon gave us a list of possible projects to fund. Members present voted to approve the following: \$500 for an author talk, \$145 for carrots at the library to promote summer Famer's Market, \$250 toward books to give away as part of the Book Bike project, and the remaining \$350 to support the Summer Reading Program. We also would like to go through books donated for our book sales to look for things that could go to the Book Bike project and will donate those books.
3. Book Art Event
 - a. Mary Fran and Maria will finalize the rules for participating and will get publicity organized (flyers, facebook, email to Friends lists)
 - b. Ticket selling: we will sell general tickets for \$30 (random drawing for which piece you get) and participants can upgrade to a \$50 ticket if they want to purchase a particular piece.
 - c. Artist volunteers: Nancy Bird had some connections, we will all forward the call to friends and those we know who might be interested.
 - d. Tentative Schedule: artists can pick up books the last week of February. Books due back by April 4 for display April 6-14. We will have a small event on April 14, reception and viewing 1-2, drawing at 2:00. We will check on availability of the Community Room or Michigan Room
4. Upcoming April Events:
 - i. Library Appreciation Week, Tuesday April 10 Staff Appreciation Lunch: at our next meeting we will sign up for what to bring

- ii. Patron Appreciation drawing: Rather than continue the “Tax Freedom Drawing” for a free family membership, we will show appreciation to Library Patron’s during Library Week by having a daily drawing. Patrons can fill out one ticket per day and we will draw for gift certificates (purchased by the Friends from our larger sponsors of the Downtown Scavenger Hunt: Apple Blossom Mercantile, 5th and Elm, Armando’s/Doghouse, Print Shop (if they do gift certificates), Bookworm, Black Ice. \$10 each, 5 total for the 5 days.

5. Additional Discussion:

- a. Night in Tuscany dinner fundraiser: Shelby Turnquist would be interested in catering and could do so. We will talk to her about a possible date. We could consider fall or next winter/spring.
- b. We should talk about growing our Friends group and what that might look like. It could be cumbersome to have more people involved with the monthly planning, but if we had more active members we could divide the main projects up and run by committees. We need to make better use of our publicity opportunities like the screens in the library. We could talk about co-hosting an event with the Keweenaw Young Professionals to maybe generate interest.

6. Next meeting: Tuesday, March 20, 5:30 pm at the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Bergstrom, filling in for Emily