

Minutes of the Friends of the Library August 14, 2018

Members present: Cindy Barth, Maria Bergstrom, Nancy Bird, Jim Desroschers, Mary Fran Desroschers, Christy Michaelson

Downtown Scavenger Hunt:

We spent some time evaluating the Downtown Scavenger Hunt event. Those who participated enjoyed the event and seemed to think the price, food, and timing was about right. The turnout was much lower than last year, and we aren't sure exactly why. We decided to try one more year and then see whether to go to alternate years or try a different kind of event. Maria will put up a display at the library with photos from the event.

We will use the \$492 proceeds from Scavenger Hunt to purchase a Cricut cutting machine or other die cut machine and supplies for Chris Alquist to use for library program materials. Mary Fran will work with Chris to decide what to get.

Update on Betty Narhi plaque:

There was a delay when the previous engraver went out of business. The plaque needs to go to new engraver and Dillon needs the text we want on it. Mary Fran will coordinate with Dillon.

Book giveaway for flood victims and volunteers: A 4H group has also expressed interest in doing something like this. The Friends will coordinate with Grace Gardner, 4Her, who is going to plan this as a project. Maria will contact Grace.

Mary Fran suggested spending the \$50 from VFW at Bookworm to get gently used children's books (Mary Fran will talk to Arthur and take care of this). Friends will put out some of our books.

"Reading Relief" was one suggestion for publicity. We could also ask North Wind books, Van Pelt Library Friends group, Bookworm, Isle Royale Press if they would like to donate something. We should put up sandwich board on Sheldon Ave the day of the giveaway. The Reading Council booksale is generally that same day, at the Dee. (Maria check with Evie Johnson on the council just to make sure we aren't stepping on toes).

Next Book Sale October 6:

We should get publicity going soon to encourage people to bring in books. We will check our stocks of books after the 15th and make a decision about the sale. We would like to again do the preview night on Oct 5.

There was some question about where we should store books between sales. Maria will check with Dillon to clarify where Friends should keep our books.

Future Ideas for fundraisers:

1. Certain stores or restaurants will donate a % of sales on a particular day (Joey's will do it, Culvers, Pizza Works)
2. Collect receipts at Econo, could set up box in library to collect them. Have to tabulate total sales, pays out twice a year.
3. Italian Night Dinner?? Nail down dates in September if we want to do this? Think about options, Jim suggested Taste of Houghton with hors d'oeuvres from different restaurants in town.

Meeting times:

We would like to have a regular meeting time set up month to month. We discussed noon vs. evening, or possibly alternating so those who work during the day could attend. Maria will send out a poll about when we can meet, especially checking with our regular attenders.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria Bergstrom