

Friends of the Portage Lake District Library
Meeting minutes
November 27, 2018

1. **Collecting Econo Receipts at the library:** Maria will check with Dillon about whether we can put out a collection container at the main desk.
2. **Funds from August 2018 Scavenger Hunt:** We had planned to buy a die-cut machine for Chris to use with children's and other programming. With a new person moving into the Program Coordinator position, we will hold off for now and Maria will check with Dillon about how the funds should be spent. We have about \$500 to use. Options discussed:
 - a. Asking the new Program Coordinator about whether a die-cut machine would be useful
 - b. Checking with Dillon about whether funds could be used to provide something for the Hancock Library under the new partnership with PLDL (note: this could potentially be a larger purchasing using some of our other savings). Current balance in our account is \$5892 (includes the \$500 in scavenger hunt funds)
3. **Book Art Fundraiser**
 - a. Tentative Schedule:
 - i. Publicity to recruit artists Feb 25-March 2
 - ii. Projects due at the library April 3
 - iii. Projects on display at the library April 6-13 (would be nice to have them out for two weekends)
 - iv. Raffle of projects or close of silent auction: April 13
 - b. We discussed having a silent auction instead of the raffle, since attendance wasn't great at the actual raffle. Minimum bid of \$20, set a closing time but don't have a formal event.
 - c. We also discussed having a separate category for kids 12 and under. Projects would not be for purchase but we would sponsor a "viewer's choice" award.
 - d. We could perhaps have a workshop or program for people to come in and work on a project.
 - e. We discussed the need for more space to display projects (especially with a separate children's category). We will scout out the library at our January meeting.
4. **Library Appreciate Week: Library Staff Appreciation (April 7-13)**
 - a. We will again sponsor our Library Staff Appreciation lunch
 - b. We will plan to have giveaways for library patrons during the week. Some options discussed include: bookmarks (with Friends info), pencils (custom print? Maybe titles of books or quotes about books and also FOL information)
 - c. Saturday of Library Appreciation Week we will provide cookies for patrons (maybe book-shaped? Check with Frank at 5th and Elm)
5. **Reading Retreat**
 - a. Nancy Bird brought up the idea again of sponsoring a Reading Retreat. La Rosa Spa rents out its space for \$400/night, which includes breakfast. (not sure how many people it can accommodate) Activities could include free reading time, a

book-club type discussion, book-themed craft. This could possibly work as a recruitment tool for Friends of the Library as well. We will continue to discuss.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Bergstrom
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