

Friends of the Dorothy Alling Memorial Library

April 1, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:02.

Present: Adriene Katz, Ann Park, Gerry Ortego, Faith Leach, Esther Perelman, Jane Kearns, Kathryn Nurnberger, Barbara Mieder, Joanne Arsenault.

Minutes from 11/6/2023 were accepted.

Correspondence: Vermont Food Bank, Williston Food Shelf, IRS filing.

Treasurer's report: checking account - \$22,474.66 CD- \$29,114.21.

The CD matures on 4/24/2024. Ann will look into interest rates to reinvest.

2023 Income and Expense report was shared.

Librarian's report: Jane has sent 8 boxes of withdrawn books to Thrift. Every book has to be scanned and accepted by Thrift. The \$ will come to the Friends.

The Trustees and staff are working on the 5-year Strategic Plan. The Schematic Design process is underway to plan for the addition.

Eclipse plans: the library will be open on 4/8 but closed from 2:30-4:30.

Jane will put out the remaining eclipse glasses with a suggestion that people can make a donation to the Friends because we bought the glasses.

Library "holiday" staff event is a Paint & Sip (mocktails) on 5/23/2024 from 6-8. The Friends will pay for dinner.

Vermont Astronomical Society program: Wednesday 4/3 at 1pm

Local Poets: Saturday 4/6 at 1pm

Vermont Reads: Monday 4/15 at 5:30.

Old Business: Holiday Decorating went smoothly. The Gingerbread House activity was well run with many participants.

New Business: Wildlife Tales on 4/26 from 1-2 sponsored by the Friends.

Lori's request for \$500 for a Pebble Art activity was discussed and it was decided that it was too expensive for a limited number of participants.

Jane will talk with Lori about having a program that is less expensive or involves more people. It was discussed that it might be helpful to the staff if they had some guidelines for how much \$ the Friends are willing to spend to sponsor a program. We will discuss this again.

Book sale: Joanne has reserved the school areas. July 1 – table drop-off

July 2nd 8-1 for table and book setup, July 3 2:30-6:30 for the sale,

July 4th 8:30-4pm. The tables may be picked up on July 5th. Joanne will find out if there will be staff at the school on July 5th.

Joanne has reserved 40 8' tables from Vermont Tent.

Ann Larsen may be willing to oversee the sorting process. Ann Park is collecting boxes from Starbucks.

The Friends will pay for substitute librarians on Saturdays in June.

Jane asked if any Friends would be willing to work a “shift” from 5-7 on Mondays or Wednesday in June to screen incoming donations.

Other Business: The building addition committee has 3 Trustees and will have 2 community members and an Historical Society representative. Gerry Volunteered to be the Friends representative on this committee.

Next meeting May 6th at 7pm.