

Friends Meeting June 3, 2024

Present: Jane Kearns, Cindy Ody-Ortego, Gerry Ortego, Faith Leach, Katherine Nurnberger, Joanne Arsenault, Esther Perelman

The group gathered at 6:45 to meet with Mara Saule, the library consultant for the scoping study for the design of the library expansion and the new strategic plan. We offered ideas on what the library does well, what we'd like to see in the expansion, and what the library might do to expand and promote programs.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20.

Minutes of the May 6th meeting were approved.

Correspondence: none.

CD balance is \$29,432.82. Checking account balance is \$21,228.00.

Librarian's Report: The strategic plan and strategic design are occupying a lot of time. Books are starting to come in for the book sale.

Old Business: The poster party was a success. We created new posters to replace worn ones that had been used for multiple years and been updated several times with white-out and tape. We also increased the price for children's hardback books to \$1.00, as previously agreed.

Book Sale: Joanne reported that the school is on board with all our requests (i.e. bleachers up, specials room unlocked, location of tables we will use, the post in the middle of the back entrance to be removed to ease in the transfer of the pallets when they go on the truck). At move-in, we can probably remove about a third of the boxes to make the break-down faster on the 4th.

Confirmation of schedule

No later than July 1, tables dropped off.

July 2: Boy Scouts will set up the tables at 8:00. (Jane will confirm with the Boy Scouts.) At 8:30, books will start being moved to the school.

July 3: Volunteer sale from 3-4. Public sale from 4-6.

July 4: Public sale from 9-1. At 12:00, price changes to \$5 a bag (including specials room and gym).

Insurance has been a problem. We should not have been using the town to get insurance in the past few years because the school is no longer on town land. The school does not think we should use their policy. Joanne has been researching independent event insurance for July 1-5 and getting quotes. We paid \$150 last year. So far, she has seen rates for \$235 and \$400. We agreed that she can decide which policy is best for our needs.

Adjourned at 7:50.

Next Meeting: July 8th