

Friends of the Dorothy Alling Memorial Library

July 8, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:02

Present: Joanne Arsenault, Esther Perelman, Gerry Ortego, Cindy Ody-Ortego, Ann Park, Barbara Mieder, Jane Kearns, Kathryn Nurnberger

Minutes from June 3, 2024 were accepted.

Correspondence: Email from Joan Cook, copy of Observer letter

Treasurer's report: CD: \$29,432.83 Checking Account: \$29,973.84

Librarian's report: The Youth Services assistant is leaving but will still be a substitute. The job has been posted. The Summer Reading Program had a goal of 1,000 reading hours for the summer and that number of hours was reached in the first 2 weeks! The goal has been reset to 2,000 summer reading hours. The Strategic Planning and Schematic Design committees are ongoing.

Book sale: Ann shared the number of boxes for the past 3 years in each category and the amount of money we have received from Thrift Books for the 2022 and the 2023 sales.

- 1) Amount of change was accurate. There were 2 unopened bundles of \$1 bills.
- 2) Have twine or string to bundle up the broken-down boxes so they're easier to carry
- 3) Have a mallet to break down the tables
- 4) Load the library wagon with: book ends, door stops, signage, mallet, banner
- 5) Sorting suggestions for next year: coffee table books and large print go into Specials as well as Vermont, new books, poetry, media
- 6) Make large print a separate category
- 7) Eliminate "trade" paperbacks – just paperback fiction
- 8) Have a poster with photographs of how the Friends use the book sale \$ (Cindy!)
- 9) Have a poster advertising what is in the Specials room
- 10) Separate out graphic novels in children's, young adult, and adult
- 11) Have someone (Cindy!) oversee the children's section – picture books, easy reads, chapter books, graphic novels. Just have 3 people working on this area

12) On setup day – send over history/bio/religion first then paperbacks then childrens to limit the # of people working on the children's section

13) Recruit younger people for teardown.

The group agreed on a gift card for Ann Larsen (\$50 VISA) and \$50 in cash to each of the school custodians who helped a lot. And a Thank You to Troop #692.

Next meeting October 7th 7pm.