

FRIENDS of SPIRIT LAKE LIBRARY

March 17, 2015

Present: Cindy Davis, Jean Martin, Jan McDonald, Marian Stevenson, Judy Weipert, Roger Brockhaus, Dori Lippon, Margaret Northey, Leah Streeter, Donna Henrich and Nadine Hough.

The regular meeting of the Friends Board was called to order by Chr. Martin at 12:05. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and a motion by Weipert, seconded by Lippon, to approve as read. Approved

Stevenson reviewed the treasurer's report. The balance as of March 15, 2015, was \$112603.43. Several expenditures were explained: Trustees Appreciation Dinner was held on Dec. 6 for Board members with a program, income from the book sales, and the purchase of the book cart. A motion made by Hough, seconded by Weipert to approve. Approved.

The computer lab has been relocated for a total cost of \$3012.12. The Library Director's office has relocated to the old computer lab. The old office will be used as a small meeting room and proctor testing. There is a need to spread the computers further apart, one suggestion is to remove one computer and place it into the testing room. There is not additional costs for these projects.

Davis requested approval to purchase a gift card for Ron Williams for his work in completing improvements for the moving process. A motion was made by Lippon to purchase a gift certificate of \$50.00. Seconded by Weipert. Approved.

Thanks to Brockshus and McDonald for the painting that was completed.

Jan Bolluyt has digitized the Spirit Lake High School yearbooks for the last 50 plus years. It will be available on line thru the library website and also the school website.

National Library Week is April 13-14, an open house is planned.

The children's Summer Reading program is underway "Every Hero has a Story". Wardell and Laird, among others, are on the schedule. Volunteers are needed to assist with the programs. T-shirts are requested so that capes for the children can be made.

Krista Elmquist has been hired to replace Williams (children's librarian) in 2016 as she retires. It is possible that 2 other staff may be leaving in the near future.

Books are currently being delivered to Hilltop, Keelson Harbor and Wel-Cove.

Davis discussed Gale Online Resources and the possibility of purchasing. The specific resources being considered are: Chilton Automotive Resources and Price It! Antiques & Collectibles. The two are \$600 each. A motion was made by Hough, seconded by Stevenson to purchase these two and reevaluate in 1 year. Approved, with one member abstaining.

The report on Zinio was presented. The price will remain the same for the next year and there has been good usage. Davis will review the current book list and remove or replace as necessary. A motion was made by Weipert, seconded by Brockshus to purchase for another year. Approved.

With a new children's librarian change coming it is felt that some housecleaning needs to be completed and reorganized. Davis requested that 2 short and 2 tall storage cabinets be purchased for the community room for storage from the Iowa Prison Industries. This will be discussed at the July meeting.

Davis presented her wish list:

- Re-organize/remodel staff workspace
- Security camera system
- New seating (Waiting for a quote from the Iowa Prison Industries)
- Electrical outlets
- New children's area (in a year or two) and then remodel children's area for older kids
- Mount LCD projector on ceiling
- Digital collection
- New appliances for community room
- A window for the Director's office!!
- Picnic table & garbage can for green space

This was discussed among members. Stevenson moved to order these items at a cost not to exceed \$2000. Seconded by Weipert, approved. It was also decided that 2 additional posts be installed on the west end of the green space. The city should be able to do this.

The Art display system that was installed several years ago is not being used. Would like to see it being used.

The next meeting will be announced. Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Nadine Hough
Secretary