

FRIENDS OF THE PATTERSON LIBRARY MINUTES

February 10, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President, Peter La Torre, at 2:35 in the library conference room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trudy DeGroot, Sue Henderson, Peter La Torre, Wanda Lohman, Grace McCord, Judy Mullins, Sandie

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 10, 2013 meeting were read and Sue made a motion to accept the minutes as read and to change our meeting times to 2:30 rather than 2:00 as stated in the minutes. The motion was seconded by Grace and motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treas., Sue Henderson, reported that the balance as of December 31, 2013, was \$2,200.35. After expenses and deposits, the balance as of February 10, 2014 is \$2,335.78. This does not include the cash box of \$80 and the CD of \$2,191.33. Sue said the CD will come due in April and wanted to know if we want to renew it. Wanda made a motion to renew the CD in April at the best rate we can get; seconded by Grace and passed. Sue said she had received a renewal for United for Libraries membership. They have a monthly newsletter and a members only website. The renewal fee is \$50. There was discussion and it was decided to table this item till the next meeting.

Sue noted that the wording for the diversion of the money for the movie licensing fee, which Olga requested to be used for teen furniture instead, needs to be clarified. We decided to give the library \$500 for the teen furniture and not renew the movie licensing fee this year. It was not an additional \$500.

Sue read a thank you note from Vanessa, county librarian, for the \$500 we donated for the teen furniture and \$400 for children's books. Sue also mentioned that Vanessa is retiring in March.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP MAILINGS: Sue said we have 22 lifetime members. They get a thank you letter from us every year with a copy of the yearly achievements. Peter said that the Millers got a membership request this year (from the Lion's Club list) and they were already lifetime members but sent \$150 again. It was decided

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP MAILINGS (continued):

that we should notify them and return their money. We should check the membership mailing list every year before sending out the membership envelopes to see who are already members and to see if any on the list are deceased.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Sandie substituted for Olga today and she thanked us for the \$500 donation toward the teen furniture. She said it should be in by mid March.

Sandie said the Day of the Child is the library's biggest project of the year and she thanked us for our \$400 donation to help with this. They have sent out several letters to organizations requesting donations for this event.

The new carpet (which will take 3 weeks to install) will be installed at the end of the month.

She said we should come in and take a look at the Friends bulletin board, which is now up. The purpose of the bulletin board is to bring attention to the Friends Group and to encourage new membership.

Story Time programs resume on February 18th.

The monthly children's craft program will be February 12th when they will be making woven hearts. The teen program will be February 18th.

An adult knitting class will begin on February 20th and 18 adults have signed up.

Also there is a free Spanish computer class for adults 4 times per month. Sandie had a request for \$50 to pay for a "Water-wise Gardening" program for adults. Barbara Coelho will be giving this class sometime in May or June. Grace made a motion to give the library \$50 for this program; seconded by Trudy and passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Memorial for Marilynne Allen – The committee consisting of Donna, Judy and Olga met at the library on January 22nd to discuss ways to remember Marilynne Allen, who served as the Friends president for over 11 years. The committee suggested 3 different ideas: (1) that the new computer room be named in her honor; (2) that she be nominated for the Shining Star Award; (3) that Friends fund a yearly scholarship in her name. The committee favored the scholarship and the Shining Star Award. After much discussion, it was decided that we go with the scholarship. Sue made a motion that we give \$500 for a scholarship

OLD BUSINESS (continued):

known as the Marilynne Allen Memorial Scholarship. The motion was seconded by Wanda and passed.

Sandi said Olga had an idea for continuing funding for the scholarship. Her idea is that we put a book cart with some of our donated books in the lobby of the library with a secure box attached to it for the money for the books to be put in on the honor system. The box would cost about \$35. Sue made a motion that we try Olga's idea of the book cart sale and buy the box for the money and see how it goes. Grace seconded and motion passed.

Peter said that the committee had recommended that the Friends have a selection committee to award the scholarship; but Peter said that he thought we should go with Pride because they already have a selection process in place. Every year they have a Pride Awards Presentation in May at which time the various organizations present their scholarships so everyone would know our scholarship is from the Friends of the Library. We can give the scholarship on a year-to-year basis, depending on our funds. Peter said he will talk to Dave Santo, who is the President of Pride, and get the form for us to fill out and return it to Pride.

Judy said there were a couple of other ideas suggested from various people, that we name our book sale in Marilynne's honor or that we place a memorial plaque in her honor somewhere in the library. After more discussion, it was decided that the plaque was not something we want to do; but we could name our next book sale in April in her honor. Trudy said if we name it after Marilynne, people might think the book sale money is going to a memorial fund. So it was decided to place some kind of thank you sign to Marilynne on the back wall in the room where the book sale is held. Sandi said the library would make some kind of sign for us.

BOOK SALE REPORT: Trudy said she had nothing to report.

Peter said he had a paper from Ron Swift which was sent to Ron by Maddy Houk regarding selling books on line. After much discussion, it was decided that it was not worth it for us to take on a project such as this. After the last book sale we gave our extra books to the Salida Library for their book sale.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:25 PM to sort books.

**Respectfully submitted,
Judy Mullins, Secretary**