

FRIENDS OF THE SPIRIT LAKE LIBRARY
MARCH 19, 2024

Meeting called to order by President Dori Lippon. (She brought cake!)

Present: Dori Lippon, Judy Weipert, Jan Purdy, Jan McDonald, Sandy Ladegaard, Steve Sievert, Leah Streeter, Mary Lou Clarke, Karen Eichner

Minutes read by Judy Weipert. Approved Sievert/Ladegaard

Financial Report: Expenditures \$12,738.68; Revenue \$16,309.35 Files attached. Approved Eichner/Clarke

Children's Services Report:

Summer reading programming is again partnering and splitting the costs with Arnolds Park Library and Milford Memorial Library. Kick-off events will be movies at the Pioneer Theatre for the younger kids and at Corner Lanes for the tweens and teens. Corner Lanes is donating the cost of bowling and the shoe rental. Pearson Lakes Art Center is again hosting several events: Overall Buddies, ISU Insect Zoo, Sheltered Reality, Sioux Falls Zoo, and Sam Rezz. Central Park will be the site for PBS Steam play, a painting event, and Absolute Science's bubble stations and foam blaster. Estimated costs are similar to last year's. Bouncelandia was a hit last year for the season finale. Plans are to repeat the event this year, however, Bouncelandia is in negotiations for their rental space, so they are not able to contract with us yet.

In-house this summer we will offer Outdoor Endeavors events and storytimes. ISU Extension is partnering with us for two sewing camps in June. A Bluey themed storytime/party is in the planning stages. Request to purchase an adult size Bluey costume for this and other events. **Motion** was made to spend \$300.00 for the Bluey costume. Approved Purdy/Clarke

Reports and Discussion:

A. Storywalk Request: The 2023 J-Term Class has placed an order for the Storywalk posts, and they will be delivered to the Spirit Lake city maintenance shed in April. Installation is tentatively scheduled for early to mid-May. They are also working on plans for a ribbon cutting ceremony. The Friends had previously pledged \$2000.00 and this amount has now been expended.

B. New Outdoor Space Ideas: After a "road trip" to view the new space, the group discussed moving the tables and benches from the other picnic area, or asking the city to provide picnic tables. Cindy will check into finding a sail that could be installed for some shade.

C. Landscaping: Discussion centered on what could be found to soften the look at the back door, as well as what to do with the front that gets so much heat. It was suggested we check with the master gardening club as to ideas for landscaping.

Wishlist:

The library will be purchasing bike racks and the butterfly bench as previously approved.

A Briefcase Microfiche Reader was discussed. This would take the place of the "refrigerator" in the conference room. The cost would also be shared with other libraries and the Museum.

Motion was made to purchase for \$1500. Approved Weipert/Ladegaard

New Members?

Due to several Friends board members moving away, we are in search of new members. Please let Cindy know if you have any suggestions for someone who would be a good fit.

Adjournment. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Weipert, Secretary