

FRIENDS OF THE SPIRIT LAKE LIBRARY
NOVEMBER 28, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Dori Lippon.

Present: Dori Lippon, Judy Weipert, Jan Purdy, Jan McDonald, Sandy Ladegaard, new member Steve Sievert, Librarians Cindy Davis and Krista Elmquist.

Leah Streeter came in after the meeting, but in time to help with the mailing!

Minutes read by Judy Weipert. Approved Ladegaard/Purdy

Financial Report: Expenditures \$7,283; Revenue \$8,275.45. Files attached. Approved Purdy/Ladegaard

Election of Officers: Unanimous vote for Dori Lippon to continue as President and for Judy Weipert to continue as Secretary.

Children's Services Report:

A. Programming. Summer ready program is in the planning stages; plans are to collaborate with the Pearson Lakes Art Center.

Sam Smith, from Jackson, Minnesota, has been driving down the second Tuesday of the month for 2 hours to introduce chess to the youth (second and third grade up to middle school). First hour mentoring and second hour playing chess with whomever shows up. He has been given \$40.00 gas money. Jan Purdy suggested students who are being home schooled might be interested in attending.

Small and portable ottomans were purchased on Cyber Monday for use in the children's' area.

A Kindle was purchased on Black Friday as the prize in the Library Challenge Card Bingo game.

Looking for help with Santa's Village on December 9 and Gingerbread houses on Dec. 5.

No wish list!

Reports and Discussion:

A. Libraryland – a warning! Concerns were shared about the book banning issue along with other potential threats to the library and our boards.

B. Patio Project. Concrete has been poured and it was noted that there is a WiFi hot spot nearby. We are to think about what to do to mitigate the lack of privacy and what kind of furniture would work on the patio that would withstand the elements since we have no inside storage space. Plans are to purchase in March.

C. Hoopla Streaming Service. This service is paid by the library. Six checkouts per month and instant downloads on e books, video, great courses, and much more.

Subscriptions:

A. Novelist – possible subscription – website to integrate with the library catalog.

Adjournment. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at noon.

Work on membership mailings followed the regular meeting. Thanks to all who contributed!

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Weipert, Secretary