

FRIENDS OF THE SPIRIT LAKE LIBRARY
JULY 18, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Dori Lippon.

Present: Dori Lippon, Judy Weipert, Leah Streeter, Jan Purdy, Mary Lou Foster, Jan McDonald, Librarians Cindy Davis and Krista Elmquist.

Minutes read by Judy Weipert. Approved.

Financial Report: Account Fund Reconciliation 6/30/23 Beginning Balance \$104,378.85; Receipts \$18,002.16; Expenditures \$96,907.27; Ending Cash: \$96,907.27
Approved Purdy/Foster.

Presentation by Kim Serck from the Spirit Lake High School with 2 J-term students: They shared their vision of a StoryWalk to be placed in Memorial Park; Projected cost of \$6,000 for 20 posts. They are 1/3 of the way there. We have requested that the Friends group be mentioned in their publicity.

Motion by Foster with second by Purdy (or McDonald!) to donate \$2000.00. Motion carried.

Children's Services Report:

Summer Reading Update: Two grants have been received in the past year. Moms and Tots have donated their leftover supplies. Summer Reading Program attendance 2361, comprised of 2270 children and 91 adults. Ongoing shared programs shared with other libraries.

No wish list.

Reports and Discussion:

- Virtual Tour Update: The Spirit Lake Chamber added the virtual tour on our website at no cost to us.
- Hotspots. We will keep two.
- Friends board membership. Jean Martin has retired from the board due to health concerns. Dave Plunkett has moved out of the area. We are looking for a few new members. Please let Cindy know of anyone who might be a good candidate.
- Subscriptions: Currently we are providing subscriptions for Book Page, Wowbrary, Syndetics, World Trade Press. The library plans to continue to maintain these subscriptions. **Motion** to continue these subscriptions by McDonald with second by Purdy. Motion carried.

Wishlist:

- Bike Rack. The bike racks we looked at a year ago are needed - one for the front and one for the back. **Motion** by Foster and second by McDonald to order two bike racks. Motion carried.
- Landscaping. Waiting for the City to pave the back area by the dumpster, and then we will consider landscaping, benches, picnic tables, etc. Meanwhile, the butterfly garden is flourishing!

Meeting Adjourned at 1:11 p.m. Next meeting to be held Tuesday, November 14 at noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Weipert, Secretary