

Friends of the Spirit Lake Library

March 21, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Dori Lippon at 12:PM:

Present: Dori Lippon, Leah Streeter, Karen Eichner, Mary Lou Foster, Mary Lou Clarke, Jan Purdy, Sandy Ladegaard, Jan McDonald. Librarians: Cindy Davis & Krista Elmquist.

Minutes were read by Beth Toliver

Financial Report: Receipt--\$14,180.06; Expenditures \$21,510.39 Beth Toliver motioned to approve the financial report as presented, Jan Purdy seconded. Motion carried.

Reports & Discussion:

- A. Cindy talked about Midwest Pano and/ or something similar for a Virtual Tour of the Library. This is just discussion at this stage, but is a possible future endeavor. Beth Toliver will look into the possibility of real estate agents helping with this and exploring the different options available.
- B. Jan McDonald gave us an update on the Online Cemetery Database that she has worked on with many collaboration efforts from others. Spencer is following lead and creating their own, searchable, online database.
- C. Kim Serck at the Spirit Lake High School is working with a group of students on a Storywalk. Krista shared a brief update and shared that the School Group would be offering a presentation on their future plans and requesting support from our Friends Group.
- D. Cindy talked about the expense to continue the Mobile Hotspot. The initial period is over and if we want to continue, it will be approximately \$2500 per year. Dori stated this is not a sustainable Friend's expense. Mary Lou Foster motioned to end the Mobile Hotspot Program. Mary Lou Clarke seconded it. (That could be reversed...I just wrote MaryLou/MaryLou). Motion Carried.

Children's Services Report:

- A. Summer Reading Update: Spirit Lake Library will, once again, be joining forces with Milford and Arnolds Park Libraries to co-fund the Entertainment piece of our Summer Reading Program. The ask was for the Friends Group to fund the Finale Event at Bounclandia in Milford—tentatively scheduled for 7/16/2023—at a cost of \$7 per

Reader. Jan Purdy motioned to approve up to \$1200 for the Finale Summer Reading Program Event. Beth Toliver seconded. Motion carried.

- B. There once was an old, loved love seat that sat under the window of the Proctor Room. Sadly, that chair passed away. Krista asked for \$1500 to replace that love seat with a commercial grade loveseat from Wayfair. Beth Toliver motioned to approve up to \$1500 for replacement of the loveseat. MaryLou Foster Seconded. Motion carried.
- C. Cindy would like to hear the television and has requested money for a sound bar for use in the community room. Jan Purdy motioned to approve up to \$300 for purchase of a sound bar. Karen Eichner seconded. Motion carried.
- D. Krista is looking for a donation of BROKEN, NON-WORKING, household appliances— telephones, hair dryers, radios...small household appliances for a program she is working on called “Appliance Autopsy.” No financial request—but, if you have old junk that doesn’t work, Krista will take it.
- E. Krista talked about her fund raising efforts for the Summer Reading Program and stated that she doesn’t mind doing it. It was discussed and decided that fund raising efforts for Summer Reading Program should continue, but may be targeted to the “known donors” only.
- F. Cindy stated the City would be adding concrete to the back “patio” area and she will be looking at future utilizations of this space.

Dickinson County Museum:

Mary Dreier from the Dickinson County Museum joined us to talk about all of the fun ways we can intermingle the Library and the Museum. Discussion was had about the following ways we can collaborate: (Also, Welcome New Member Mary Dreier ☺)

- A. Digitalizing everything!
- B. Dickinson County Museum has an active Board and active Volunteers
- C. Collections can be shared—Museum collections at the Library, Library collections at the museum.
- D. Children’s Programming--- Intermingling generations
- E. Homeschool Programming

Exciting things are happening on this cross-promoting agenda. Cindy and Mary speak the same language and are quite entertaining... perhaps a traveling education hour?!

Meeting adjourned at 1:12PM **Next Meeting will be held 7/18/2023**

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Toliver