

FRIENDS OF THE SPIRIT LAKE LIBRARY
November 19, 2024

Meeting called to order by President Dori Lippon. (She brought yummy treats again!)

Present: Cindy Davis, Krista Elmquist, Dori Lippon, Judy Weipert, Jan Purdy, Sandy Ladegaard, Steve Sievert, Leah Streeter, Mary Lou Clarke, Karen Eichner, Julie Gibson, and board member Frank Christenson

Minutes read by Judy Weipert. Approved Purdy/Clark

Financial Report:

Expenditures \$9,459.99; Revenue \$4,677.74. Approved Ladegaard/Gibson

Election of Officers:

After receiving no nominations at the onset, by the end of the meeting nomination was made for Dori Lippon as President. Approved Sievert/Gibson. Nomination was made for Judy Weipert as Secretary. Approved Purdy/Eichner.

Children's Services Report:

Krista opened with a heartfelt thank you to the Friends for the support the past year. She has nothing on her wish list.

December events: The library will show a movie and will hold a game day.

- December 3 is the Gingerbread House event from 3:30 – 5:30. Krista is in need of building supplies. She will check with Wal-Mart for donations.
- December 14 – Santa's Village. Several activities will be held at the Library.

Summer Reading Program:

The library will again partner with the Milford and Arnolds Park libraries, opening with a movie at the Pioneer Theater with a food drive, and adding a Magician show at the PLAC, SOAR program, and the ISU Insect Zoo, which was very popular this year.

- Nothing has been done with the Bluey costume yet, but we felt like we got our money's worth. Still interested in selling or trading it.

Membership mailings:

The mailings had already been completed by the staff, and the Friends all agreed that the book mark application form should be used next year.

Reports and Discussion:

Library Board Member Frank Christenson thanked the Friends group and announced that after advertising for Cindy's replacement, they have hired Amy Dissmeyer, Director of the Hastings, Nebraska Public Library, whom the board feels will be a good fit for our library.

Our Director, Cindy Davis, started her career at the Spirit Lake Public Library on December 31, 2011, and will officially retire on December 31, 2024. Both the Library Board and the Friends Council expressed their gratitude for Cindy's leadership and everything she did to make the Spirit Lake Library a valuable resource for the Iowa Great Lakes area.

Adjournment. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at noon.
Respectfully submitted, Judy Weipert, Secretary