

Minutes

Friends of the Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library (FOTL)
February 11, 2023

Members in Attendance

Ginny Antonson, Clem Brueck, Kevan Truman, Paula Stakley, Betty Mundy, Tracy Chandler, Janet Smiedendorf, Janita Gaulzetti

Welcome:

10:16 AM Meeting came to order - Ginny Antonson is chairing the meeting in place of Rebecca Marsden.

Welcome to a new member, Tracy Chandler. She is with the Lake Bluff Book Club.

Minutes:

Minutes of the last meeting have been updated to reflect - discussion about the information concerning membership which Kevan highlighted in red. After clarification, membership applications with two names - husband and wife - will be treated as one membership with both names listed. Both spouses' information will be good to have. In addition, Betty asked that the names of the 4 officers be listed in the section New Business: Slate of Officers.

Minutes approved and to be sent to Paula for the website.

Paula is in attendance as director.
Congratulations.

Announcements: There is still an opening on the library board. Business experience is a plus. Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00 P.M.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer's Report was reviewed - showing a balance of over \$10,348.44

Director's Report:

Paula Stakley - thank you for the flowers from FOTL.

The library is looking to a post-pandemic future with a full slate of programs to mirror pre-pandemic plans and with more programs.

The large display case in the outer lobby is available to FOTL in April to publicize the April book sale, to highlight the Treasure Books, and to showcase items purchased by FOTL. Kevan will work on this project with others. Also, above the display case are older photos of the Palenske family. Perhaps the photos can be included somehow in the April display.

Wish List: Clem and Paula

Bike rack - still up in the air with many concerns.

Teen book shelves on hold for possible revisions by staff.

Approved: \$1,524.12 to fund wish list items presented to the group. See list below. The amount of \$1,524.12 includes 2 screens.

Summer Programs - After much discussion, FOTL will fund \$1,500 for summer programs. The \$1,500 amount has precedent. FOTL gives Paula the discretion of which programs to fund based on community funding. Often times, community groups/businesses have favorite programs that they wish to support. FOTL has items which we would like to support if not supported by the community. We want to give the community first choice.

Preferred Programs: Caribbean Steel Drums - \$495, Story-time and Garden Games - \$250, The Cheese Lady Presents - \$100, and Comic Art with Jerry DeCaire - \$425. Total \$1,270

Book Bags/Merch - ongoing

ITEM	Price	
Cutting Mat for Cricut Maker 3	19.99	
X-ACTO(R) SchoolPro(R) Electric Pencil Sharpener	33.31	
Letter Size Lamination Carriers - 5 Pack	11.99	
Demco Slat Acrylic Book Holders	30.76	4 @ 7.69 each
Mini Flashlights (Leap into Science/other activities)	35.49	
Mirrors (leap into Science & Storytime)	34.99	
Blocks	13.59	
New projector screens for community rooms	\$672	
		852.12 Total

Book Sale/Sorting

The book sale is April 13, 14, and 15 (Th, F, S) The full week has been reserved for the book sale. Times to be decided. Set up times to be decided. The times need to be decided before the March meeting and in time for flyers to be printed for distribution at the March meeting. Kevan will make a sign to post on the collection bin. Need to actively seek out community youth volunteers to help with tear-down.

New Business - Tabled

MISC: Juanita shared with the group an outreach program focusing on literacy called barbershopbooks.org - focusing on boys of color and reading. There is also Barbershop Literacy Project <https://www.facebook.com/> Can FOTL be of help in some way to a local group. Rotary perhaps and reaching out to area churches. Thank you Janita.

11:37 adjourned

The next meeting is March 11, 2023

