

Minutes
Friends of the Osceola Public Library
3/12/2014

Present: Barb Wetzel, Carole Nienabor, Marian Quinn, Cheryl Beardsley, Kathie Nelson, Maureen McElrath, Merry Vinette, Mary Clare Huberty, Sherry Hanson, Jan Haralson, Marcia Dressel, Kelly McBride

Call to Order – President Barb Wetzel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

- **Minutes** – from February meeting were approved.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Kathie provided the Treasurer's Report for February. No significant activity. Kathie reported that taxes for 2013 had been filed.
- **Focus groups** – Because some previously scheduled focus groups were cancelled due to bad weather, two more groups will be held: Thursday, March 13 and Monday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m.
- **Book storage** – Barb reported that she has had preliminary discussions with Jim Schmidt from Village of Osceola about the potential for space to store books for book sale in a municipal building. Details will be worked out in the near future.
- **giveBig** – Merry reported that the library and Friends will host a booth at the Health Fair to be held on April 26. Kelly and Merry will be hosts at the table, additional members are welcome if they wish to come. Barb requested that the sorters watch for books on health & wellness topics (and mentioned that Friends who are clearing out books may wish to donate them well before the date of the Health Fair) to be sold at the booth that day. Merry also asked for approval for the purchase of two t-shirts for library staff to promote giveBig Osceola. The motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to purchase those two t-shirts. Merry also reminded Friends that they could add a message regarding the giveBig campaign to their personal email signature to help promote the event. (Go to Razoo site, copy the message, and paste into signature line of personal e-mail.)
- **Adult Winter Reading Program** – All preparations for Adult Winter Reading Program wrap up are in place. There will be three soups, cheese and crackers available from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The prize drawing will be held at 5:00 p.m. It was noted that there were not as many registered readers for this year's program as there had been in previous years, and there was some discussion about changing or eliminating the event in the future. Kelly said that she had some ideas that she could put forward for the Friends to discuss for future reading program events. She will pull some ideas together and present to us at a future date.
- **Author event** – several copies of publications by Diane Wilson were purchased so that there will be sufficient copies available for readers interested in reading her work. Barb has previously talked with Friends officers to approve the purchases, but requested that the full membership approve the purchase. A motion was made, seconded and approved to fund \$108 for the library's purchase of Diane Wilson's books (2 copies of Homeland, 1 Fiction on a Stick and 3 copies of Beloved). Barb also asked for approval of up to \$60 for advertising the event. That motion was also approved. Posters are made, and help is needed distributing them around the community. Members present made commitment to get posters to assigned spots.
- **Update from Library Board** – Marcia updated the Friends on progress regarding the planning for a new library building. The Board has been working on it, and is very close to signing a contract with a company to do the feasibility study. Since this is generally regarded as the "silent" part of the process, there will not be public announcements for awhile, but work is progressing. The Board has currently raised about 2/3 of the money needed for the study at this time.
- **Monitor for displaying library events** – Based on discussion with Barb, Kelly investigated the types and costs of various models. After some discussion the group made a motion to purchase a 22" monitor, with mounting bracket and 3 year warranty for \$213.00. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Kelly will purchase and arrange the setup. Kelly thanked the group for the funds for this!

Barb adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Next meeting of the Friends of the Osceola Library is **Wednesday, April 9, 2014** at 5:30 p.m. at the library. **All Friends are encouraged to come!**