

Minutes for December 9, 2015

In attendance: Barb Wetzel, Sherry Hanson, Marie Feldtmose, Connie Marschke, Sandy Wellumson, Mariette Knegendorf, Diane Moser, Cheryl Beardslee, Marian Quinn, Peggy Geskermann, Mary Clare Huberty, Steve Schanback

The meeting was convened over a potluck dinner.

New member Sandy Wellumson was welcomed.

The **November Treasurer's Report and Minutes** were approved unanimously. We have a balance of \$4,409.00 with up \$220.00 in future commitments.

A **presentation** was made by **Kelly and Cole Zrostlik** (Children's Librarian in St Croix Falls) requesting financial support for Imagination Playground Big Classic Block set. The total cost of the material is \$5675. They have secured \$3000 from the Green Bay Packers Foundation, \$1000 from the Osceola Lions and \$500 from giveTuesday via the St Croix Falls Library.

After a discussion to refine our response to the request, Steve moved, Sherry seconded and we passed unanimously: That the Friends will front the \$1175 for Imagination Playground, if that is still the shortfall when payment for the materials comes due. In the meantime, Sherry will talk with the Dresser Lions about them making a contribution since the program will serve the Dresser Library too. We recommend that Kelly and Cole ask the St Croix Falls Friends and Osceola Community Health Foundation for contributions. We will contribute the balance needed after any contributions from these organizations. If we end up contributing the full \$1175, \$600 will come from our regular contribution amount in 2016.

Kelly reported that **Light Up Osceola** was a big hit, with over 300 kids, and thanked the Friends for all we did to help make it happen.

Discovery Center: Diane reported that the Village is still researching the idea of demolishing the Fire Station as part of the future building plan. She reminded members to vote for their brick siding preference.

The Adult Winter Reading Program: Anne Miller will head this year's program which will run January 4- March 31. There will be a Kick Off with soup, cheese and crackers on January 13. Cheryl and Mary Clare volunteered to coordinate the event. Marietta and Peggy volunteered to make soup. Volunteers are needed for a third soup, and cheese and crackers, and to setup, serve and cleanup. Library staff will prepare flyer & advertising. There will be an author event (Sara DeLuca) on February 6. January 16 & 30, February 20 and March 5 & 19 will be **Craft the Day Away** days, with knitting, crocheting, scrapbooking, quilting and whatever else people bring to work on. Special presentations and how-to classes will be announced.

Scrabble and Jigsaw puzzle contests: These game events were suggested previously as possible fundraisers. Individuals and teams would pay an entry fee; there would be prizes. Mary

Clare will talk with a friend who plays in scrabble tournaments to get an idea of what it would take to make this happen.

Election of Officers: After discussion of the commitment of those present to share more of the leadership of the organization, by working in teams with responsibility for specific activities, Cheryl Beardslee was unanimously elected President. The other current officers will continue in their roles in 2016.

Those present expressed their appreciation and thanked Barb for her service and the great job she has done as president and mega-volunteer. She's just "retiring" from the presidency but will continue to volunteer.

Submitted by Steve Schanback