

Friends of Osceola Public Library  
5/11/16

Present: Merry Vinette, Cheryl Beardlsee, Kathie Nelson, Joyce Robinson, Sherry Hanson, Mary Clare Huberty, Maureen McElrath, Marie Feldtmose, Barb Wetzel, Diane Moser, Marian Quinn, Mary Roberts

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

Discovery Center Update: Jeff Meyer, from Millpond Learning Foundation, updated Friends on the Discovery center. They have been appealing to businesses, the public and special friends. They have been working to raise funds for the Discovery Center for about a year and a half now. They have applied to many potential foundations, some of which have then donated, others told them they could try again at a later date, and some declined. Overall, they are feeling good about what they have done so far. They are making good progress and are continuing to work hard. They have raised about \$2 million.

A motion to pass minutes with the correction of Maureen chairing April's meeting by Sherry/Merry was approved. A motion to pass treasurer's report by Sherry/Maureen was approved.

giveBIG: Diane reported that this year was a good learning year for her and Connie in running giveBIG. Next year giveBIG planning should start earlier in Oct/Nov. Other approaches in reaching more people could be utilized, such as reaching people who are not online. giveBIG totals so far were \$2018.94 and that exceeds the \$2000 goal. Final totals will be reported at the June meeting. It was also brought to our attention that giveBIG is spelled with give as all lowercase and big as all uppercase with no space in between.

Rhubarb days: Cheryl attending a planning meeting for Rhubarb days. She reports that they have raised the \$7000 in sponsorship money that they needed. A poster for Rhubarb days is on the library website. A few food vendors will be there, but none will be competing with the bake sale or anything being sold at the book sale. Cheryl reports that things look great for Rhubarb days.

Book sale: Volunteers still needed. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Friends box at the library for anyone who wants to volunteer. People can also volunteer through sign-up genius online. Email updates will be sent out for jobs that are filled. Jody will

be meeting with Alan next week about book sale. Cheryl will be stopping in or calling RCU manager to ask about using their parking lot for the sale. It was decided that Friends would provide a thank you luncheon in June to RCU for all that they have done for us. Cheryl will bring them cookies and juice this month also. A motion by Merry/Quinn to provide a thank you luncheon after the book sale to RCU was approved. There was a proposal by a local author, Mr. Brede, to possibly donate a few books and set up a table at the book sale for a few hours. It was discussed that he could possibly do an author event in October instead, but will also be asked if he still wants to participate in some way at the book sale. Cheryl also will be speaking to YAC to see if they are still planning their blind date with a book at the sale.

Reception for Library of Congress Books will be at the library May 12 from 5:30-7:00

Social media: No changes in Facebook page. Same questions, who will run it, photo release policy, and what goes on it. Main concern is who will monitor it. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Tracking volunteer hours: Discussed having one person volunteer to pick up hours monthly and report totals at the end of the year. The benefit to keeping track of volunteer hours is applying for grants. Hours would start to be calculated in June or July of this year. This will be discussed again at the next meeting until it is resolved.

Meeting process and feedback: Cheryl thanked folks for the feedback she has gotten and continues to invite feedback.

Sherry/Joyce moved to adjourn meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Next meeting June 8 at 5:30 p.m.