

Friends of Osceola Library Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 8, 2016

Present: Cheryl Beardslee, Marion Quinn, Joleen Pederson, Carole Nienaber, Marie Fleldtmose, Merry Vinnette Kelly McBride, Barb Wetzel

1. Approval of Minutes and Treasurers Report were **tabled** until next meeting as the treasurer's report is delayed.
2. **Author event was discussed.** We have two author possibilities, local author **Fred Brede** has agreed to do an author event in lieu of having a table at the book sale. He writes both local history and romances. The Friends may ask him to discuss his local history and perhaps the romance novel industry.
Holly Hardin was also suggested. She has written for Garisson Kiellor and has written a couple of cook books.
A decision about dates and other plans were **tabled** until the August meeting as we will not do an author event until October at the earliest.
3. **The Friends will not meet in July.**
4. **Rhubarb Days/Informal library report.**
 - 500 more ducks were sold than were sold last year by the Lions.
 - The Shakespeare in the park unfortunately coincided with the heaviest rain of the day. It was reported to be a great performance. About 50 people attended that event. The Friends of Osceola Library helped fund this event.
 - The pond was stocked for Rhubarb Days and the fishing was great.
5. **The Lion's Pancake breakfast earned \$611 which will be donated to The Friends of Osceola Library. All supplies for the breakfast were donated by local businesses.**
6. The Elvis event was attended by about 100 people.
7. Library staff stepped in to sing the Star Spangled Banner when the band member in charge of the melody was unable to attend. Great fun! Thanks for your creativity and hutzpa.
8. Captain Jack Sparrow will be at the library tomorrow – 100 are expected.
9. Rebecca is doing a wonderful job.
10. Barb reported that wire recycling bins with bags are available from Polk County Recycling for local and private events – **note for next year.**

Book Sale Debrief

1. **Proceeds from the book sale were \$1629.85!**
2. The book sale was announced in the park by the DJ throughout the day.
3. Book sale volunteers heard lots of comments about how much people appreciate the book sale. The effort involved gets the Friends both funds to help the library and visibility in the community.
4. Someone who wanted to make a donation of books asked if text books were accepted. Most text book donations will be forwarded to Books for Africa.
5. The rain held off until it was time to pack the books. They were packed somewhat wet. The crew that put the books back in RCU storage opened all the bins and boxes to be certain they were dry. Thank you!!!
6. There are empty bins available for sorting.
7. RCU inquired about mounting a book drive for the next sale. They will do it later, placing bins for donations at schools and businesses.

8. The library will be culling fiction books. They will be put directly into bins – no sorting necessary.
9. Joleen quizzed 12 high school and middle school kids and 11 said that they would donate their used books.
10. YAC plan to do a “Blind Date with a Book” table was late to arrive at the book sale. If it were to be attempted again, signage that explains it and having the books earlier would be necessary.
11. RCU needs more notice regarding when books will be placed into storage. Cheryl will get more detailed information from Pam Talmadge at RCU.
12. Joleen will send thank you notes for all the assistance we got.

Roses and Thorns

1. Stacking of children’s books in bins worked out very well and having tables for some of the picture books worked well.
2. The set up crew did a wonderful job. Everyone worked well together and got it done with time to spare.
3. The table for premium books worked well. **Next sale coffee table books and premium books will be on one table.**
4. We will continue with \$3 a bag all day for romances, self-help and religion. The last 1-2 hours will sell all books at \$3 a bag. Coordinator will decide if and when price should drop.
5. Coordinator will decide which books to sell per bag (mysteries, paperback fiction e.g.)
6. Joleen asked if we could try again having a tally sheet for packed boxes to indicate how many boxes we have in each category.
7. Culling books – to improve culling during sorting, Barb and Quinn will work on a poster with criteria for culling in the sorting area.
8. Joleen suggests a book sale committee in future to make decisions sometime before the sale so last minute decisions won’t be made at the time of the sale.

RCU Thank You Lunch

1. It will be held in their break room at RCU.
2. Cheryl will talk to Pam about date and # of staff.
3. We will do homemade food: salads, bread and cheese spread and desserts.
4. Kathie is authorized to obtain lemonade and all paper product needs and charge to the Friends.
5. Barb will make Quinoa and Edemame salad, Carole, curried chicken salad, Quinn, green salad, Cheryl Bread and rhubarb desert.
6. Marie volunteered to be host.

Tracking Volunteer Hours

1. Miriam F has volunteered to be in charge of tracking volunteer hours. It was suggested that there may be online options for tracking hours.
2. **Please be sure hours you volunteered for the book sale are recorded! Volunteer hours matter!**