

FRIENDS OF THE FOX RIVER VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT.
MEETING February 16, 2016

President Mary Todd called the meeting of the Friends of the FRVPLD to order at 7:00 on February 16, 2016 at the library. Present were: Belindia Elliott, Kathie Tennis, Anne Nickerson, Mary Piper, Darlene Straka, Linda Ptack, Diane Campbell, Kathy Ross, Angelique Draftz, Pat McNana, Mary Todd, and Kirstin Finneran.

Welcome activity: "Trivia" questions were asked by Mary Todd. Those at the meeting filled out the answers on a sheet of paper. Diane Campbell answered the most correct answers and won the prize.

Minutes of the January 2016 meeting were presented.

Changes/comments: Lisa is organizing Culvers, not Linda.

Ann Nickerson made a motion to accept the minutes with changes and Kathie Tennis seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to accept. Minutes will be amended and filed.

Treasurer's report for November, December, January & February: Angelique Draftz

As of October 1, 2015. Starting Balance: \$26,059.35. Deposits: 3,417.75. Disbursements: \$1,128.50. Outstanding deposits: \$187.16. Outstanding checks: \$860.00. Ending Balance: \$25,386.51.

As of November 1, 2015. Starting Balance: \$26,059.35. Deposits: \$212.41. Disbursements: \$516.57. Outstanding deposits: \$0. Outstanding checks: \$460.00. Ending Balance: \$25,755.19.

As of December 1, 2015. Starting Balance: \$25,755.19. Deposits: \$24.75. Disbursements: \$488.00. Outstanding deposits: \$0. Outstanding checks: \$0. Ending Balance: \$25,291.94.

As of January 1, 2016. Starting Balance: \$25,291.94. Deposits: \$18.00. Disbursements: \$3.00. Outstanding deposits: \$0. Outstanding checks: \$616.00. Ending Balance: \$25,306.94.

Mary Piper made a motion and Belindia Elliot seconded the motion to accept financial report without change. Vote was unanimous to accept. The report will be filed for audit.

President's report: Mary Todd

Librarian's report: Kirstin Finneran

- Laptop computers are now available for checkout from the Dundee Library. The loan period is two weeks, with renewals if there are no holds. They are available at the Info Services Desk.
- The Spring newsletter has been sent to the printer and is scheduled to be mail by Feb. 22
- Sean Plagge started February 15. Sean will be our new full-time Librarian in Information Services. He got his MLS from Dominican, and comes to us from the Geneva Library.
- The library is looking to fill the following positions: Children's Services Clerk (part time) and Shelver (part time). Information about applying can be found by clicking a link on the home page of our website.

- We have added a special page to our website to assist patrons (and librarians assisting patrons!) in finding needed forms, instructions, and information about 2016 income tax returns. We only receive a handful of basic state and federal forms at the library. Our website page contains links to popular forms and instructions and the locations of places that will assist in preparing a return. The library will print out forms for 20 cents per page.
- Nearly forty people attended the Designing Our Future presentations this month. Architect Joe Huberty presented design sketches of a new library proposed for the west side of our district. A survey is going to be posted on our website shortly to gather more feedback. Please watch for this and let us know your opinions.
- The Libraries will open at noon on Friday, March 18 for staff training.
- Kirstin passed out an updated version of the Friends of the Library brochure. Revisions included adding the kick off picnic and book baskets to the “How we Support the Library” and “Why not join us” sections. After the meeting Kirstin took a group shot of the Friends in the book sorting area to be used on the cover of the brochure. The new version will be ready in time for the Spring Book Sale.

Program Committee: Darlene Straka.

Darlene reported that the Twister Fiber program held on Jan. 30 was very successful. The topic of Culvers signs was brought up. Diane suggested stacking several program flyers in the sign holder according to date then removing them as they occur to help keep it current. Darlene talked about Dann Gire coming back for a program on movies and films. Diane said Schaumburg gets good attendance (over 100) and Kathie said he goes to the Arlington Heights Library regularly. They have many more patrons, however.

Upcoming programs:

- Feb. 27 is the Aloha Dancers. Twenty people are already signed up.
- April 10 at 2 p.m. is 500 Years of Mexican-America History Through Song with Chuy Negrete.
- April 17 at 2 p.m. is Great Gardens of Chicago. Carolyn Ulrich, editor of Chicagoland Gardening magazine, will be talking about three area gardens.
- April 27 at 6:30 p.m. is Exploring Investment Products and Services at the Randall Oaks Library.
- May 7 at 2 p.m. is Decades of Dresses: Special Occasion Dresses from the 20th Century.

Culvers: Kathie Tennis

- Need more books for children. Diane will make sign for sorters to alert them that children’s titles are needed.

Book Donation Day: Mary Piper.

- On schedule for March 12 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Book Sale: Belindia Elliott

- Did not get the bookshelves from Sunset books because someone offered more money.
- Volunteer sheet for book sale was passed around the room.
- Belindia shared information from the Marengo Library. They work with a consignment business in Texas. They send a scanner and a list of what kind of books they are interested in. As you scan each book during sorting for the sale set up, the scanner tells which books

they want. They pay for shipping. Marengo gets \$3000 -\$6000 per year from this. They say it is good. Only takes a second to scan while you're sorting. No cost to the library/friends. Ann suggested Belindia pursue this. We will use Fred to pick up books after the spring sale. He recycles them. Cartons are also packed for different organizations after the sale.

- Diane suggested we invite organizations to come at 1 p.m. on Sunday to take what they would like. Then have the kids come and clean up. Angelique will see if Savers of Crystal Lake would like to come on Sunday and take any left over books.
- Angelique approached Savers in Crystal Lake. They are interested in picking up what is left over from the book sale.
- Belindia will not be here on Wednesday for set up. Mary Malloy may be able to step in.
- Kirstin will email Brian to see if the facilities department can set up the tables. Copy Ann Nickerson. She will come and direct them as to how they should be set up.
- Ann asked Kirstin to find out from the library if moldy books can be moved on a cart to the hallway area. Some of the sorters are having trouble due to asthma.

Library Board. Bonnie Kalaway was absent.

Membership. Mary Todd

Everyone please think of a fun activity, maybe centered around the book sale, to get some more members. Will discuss at the next meeting.

Old Business: 501c state cashed the checks. Mary Todd will reach out to them to check on the status.

The meeting was adjourned by Mary Todd at 8:20 pm. The next meeting will be held on 3/15 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirstin Finneran (filling in for Mary Maloy, Secretary)