

# Friends of the Library

## July 25, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Donna Biondo at 7:05 p.m. This was a hybrid meeting with members in physical attendance and through Zoom. Members present were: Judy Ackerman, Donna Biondo, Annette Bland, Barb Gerstenecker, Mary Holtkamp, Jan Korneta, JoAnne Odem, Crystal Snyder, Michelle Perak, Jenny Schmidt, Diane Stechmesser, Eileen Traughber, Vicki Wegner. New members in attendance: Sarah Clarke, Vicki Simpson, Emily Skowron, Kelli Elmore, Stephanie DuVall.

**Reading of the Minutes:** Minutes were read by substitute Secretary Mary Holtkamp from the April 25, 2022 meeting. Vicki Wegner made a motion to accept the minutes as read with a second by Diane Stechmesser. Motion passed.

**Correspondence:** A thank you note from the family of Betty Eckert was read to the membership. A letter from a patron who wished to be considered for a third renewal of a Non-Resident Library Card was also shared. A discussion ensued and members present felt a renewal would be okay as long as other applicants would not be effected. A motion was made by Diane Stechmesser to make a renewal of the Non-Resident Library Card Program available to this patron. Michelle Perjak seconded the motion.

**Treasurers Report:** Barb Gerstenecker presented the report. Donna Biondo made a motion to accept the report as written and Jan Korneta seconded. Motion carried.

**Librarian's Report:** Annette read two thank you notes from patrons who are currently taking advantage of the Non-Resident Library Card Program. The Train Donation Fund Raiser has raised \$186.00 to date. The drawing will be held on September 1, 2022. Annette also presented library statistics for the months of May and June. Members present were surprised to find out that the Library provides both Notary and Proctor services.

Crystal Snyder presented a report on the Big-Cinn, Coffee and Cakes Breakfast, and Local Authors in the park event. The event attracted over 250 participants, 135 Big-Cinnamon Buns were sold and 20 authors participated, unfortunately, the event ended up in the negative, -\$550.82. Members present complimented Crystal on the event and Crystal stated that she "learned a lot of lessons" from this event. Crystal also reported that The Summer Reading Program is going well. A more comprehensive report will be given at the October meeting.

**Old Business:** The Financial Committee has not met, no news on the rewrite of the By-Laws. Mary Holtkamp presented the new Friends of the Library pamphlet, the

H.S.S. program ad and the new membership form. Members present were complimentary.

**New Business:** The new members were formally welcomed. Donna Biondo brought up walking in the Columbia Daze parade and/or participating in Festifall on October 2nd. Members discussed these topics and decided to forgo the parade. An email will be sent in September to sign up volunteers to help with the Festifall Book Sale. Annette passed out Columbia Conversations pamphlets in order to garner interest in the Columbia Comprehensive Plan discussions.

**Next Meeting:** October 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Donna Biondo with a second by Diane Stechmesser at 8:05 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary L. Holtkamp  
(Substitute Secretary for Debbie Row)