

March 18, 2020 Minutes of the Board of the Friends of Brooks Memorial Library

This meeting was held over the phone. Participating were Joyce Marcel, Betsy Wagenknecht, Karen Duggan, Connie Kimball, Sue Dyer, Cindy Hutcheson, John Komar, Starr Latronica (for the library), Howard Burroughs (for the Trustees) and visitor Erika Phillips.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm.

The minutes were accepted as written.

The treasurer's report was accepted and will be filed for audit. As of February 29, 2020, our treasury balance was \$44,720.94.

After a long discussion, the tentative 2020-2021 budget of \$32,250. was approved with cuts to several line items. Connie will give us a printed copy of the final, approved budget at the next meeting. The budget will be presented for approval at our annual meeting in May (which will be our regular May meeting, May 20th).

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, several things have changed: the library is about to close and is working on alternative means of meeting patron requests; First Wednesdays have been cancelled for the remainder of this year; our Dessert Gala is cancelled; we do not know the status of the Heifer Parade or our June book sale.

Several members have reached out to authors about possible fund-raising appearances. There has been no word from Louise Penny, Rachel Maddow, or Doris Kearns Goodwin. There were positive responses from the publisher for Andre Dubus, and from Amy Rigby, and while we are interested in both possibilities, nothing is definite at this time, due to the outbreak.

Betsy is working on the newsletter.

There were no staff requests at this time.

Our next meeting on April 15, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Duggan