

## Aug 21, 2024 | 📅 Friends board meeting

Attendees: Sue Dyer, Karen Duggan, Connie Kimball, Janice Stockman, Dayle Doiron, Connie Cline, Starr LaTronica, Sirka (guest), Kevin O'Keefe, Amanda Whiting (on Zoom)

### Notes

- Treasurer's report from July was accepted.
- Dayle said she will move money from the Fidelity account into the checking account soon.
- President's report
  - Thank you to those who helped with the parade
  - Kudos to staff who were recognized in local media for the Compassion Award
  - Select board voted to support the library's need for ongoing security through the Police Department rather than a private company.
- Connie and Connie Committee
  - Invest EAP is interested in being more helpful to the library staff; they are an employee assistance program available to all town staff.
  - In home computer assistance—Matt is stretched thin with people coming to the library; an idea is to have a service that provides help to teach people to use the electronic library services. Discussion included how can we use volunteers or Friends to support with straightforward electronic service needs.
  - Do we have a list of people who want to access the library but can't come in? We had one during Covid. We partner with the RSVP to deliver books to people who are home-bound.
  - Kevin asked what kind of social service training the staff gets to handle the situations that arise here at the library. Starr said there is de-escalation training, and the staff wants to have other people who are trained to do social services here in person to handle those things. She spoke about plans the town and PD have to increase hours of those who are equipped to meet the needs of clients. This won't happen overnight, though.
  - Discussion about evening hours coverage and safety; there is one person present—is that enough? Kevin (security) roams between the floors. Kevin O asked about cameras/monitors. There are confidentiality and privacy issues. How about a rounded mirror? Starr will discuss with staff.
- Snacks for Staff
  - Connie spent \$75 for the months of July and August. She's asked for feedback on what kind of snacks but hasn't gotten it. Amanda said the staff is very grateful for this. Friends approved continuing to fund snacks for September through November at \$100/mo.
- September 6 Ice Cream Social
  - Kevin has ice cream from Coop
  - Janice getting spoons and cups (100)
  - Karen getting cones (100)

- Sharon getting ice
  - Everyone bring jugs of water and an ice cream scoop
  - Show up at library at 4:30
  - Need coolers
- Book sale
  - Start collecting books Oct. 1
  - First day of sale November 29
  - Volunteers get a coupon for 2 free books from Amanda
- Website feedback
  - Need minutes of meetings posted
  - Still need someone to keep the website updated
- Library news and requests
  - Chloe (teen specialist) is leaving at the end of August to move to Oregon.
  - Reimburse Chloe for snacks; pool passes
  - Amanda's report: pool passes were popular. Museum passes—sometimes people reserve but don't check them out. 455 pass bookings this year so far. High demand on the Magic Wings pass, and it is also the most expensive one we offer.
  - Friends approved a gift of \$100 to Chloe as a going away present.

☐ Adjourned at 5:55