

Feb 21, 2024 | 📅 Friends board meeting

Attendees: Kevin O'Keefe, Connie Kimball, Connie Cline, Starr LaTronica, Amanda Whiting, Sharon Meyers, Karen Duggan, Sue Dyer, Janice Stockman, Dayle Doiron, Jenny

Notes

- What book are you reading?
Demon Copperhead (Dayle), George (Kevin), Short Stories by Isabel Allende (Connie C), North Woods by Daniel Mason (Janice), The Red Lotus by Chris Bohjalian (Karen), The Mystery of Mrs. Christie (Karen), The Vanishing Half (Sharon), The Tuscan Boy (Sharon), Beaverland (Amanda), A book about the dictionary (Sue), The Eyes and the Impossible, and Help Wanted (Starr), 40 Autumns (Connie K), Wifedom (Jenny)
- Minutes from January 17 were accepted.
- Dayle gave the Treasurer's Report. We are very happy we decided to move funds into a higher interest bearing account. Treasurer's Report was accepted.
- Karen gave the President's Report.
 - Annual appeal checks are still coming in; about \$12,000.
 - Dayle and Karen are going through the Friends files. Tax returns need to be saved forever, along with agendas and minutes. The files are in good shape now. They are stored in a file cabinet in the staff room.
- Website for Friends
 - When Susan left, the Friends website is no longer being updated. We need to get the password from Susan.
- Spring Event
 - We don't need this as a fundraiser
 - Special reach out to new Vermonters through ECDC
 - Keep the activities the same as last year: Friends make the food, one savory and one sweet
 - Reach out to Southern Vermont Young Professionals
 - Committee: Sue, Karen, Kevin, Janice, Dayle
 - Questioning whether or not to tailor it to families
- Library News
 - Sarah, technical services librarian, is leaving, she is going to work at the Smith College Library
 - Grant opportunity federal ARPA funds through VT Dept. Of Libraries for construction; Starr is working on it. Minimum of \$300,000. Deadline is March 12.
 - Starr purchased the memory kits we talked about last month.

- Starr passed invoices to Dayle for food for teens, and Tony Duncan's juggling workshop
 - Request for \$585 (45/session) from the Children's Room for Sing and Dance with Robin. Board approved paying her \$660 (50/session).
 - Request for a button maker. Starr showed two sizes, 2 1/4" and 1". Proposed buying the button makers, lending the maker but charging for the materials. Board approved buying the larger button maker, not to exceed \$350.
 - Library card sleeves with Friends information on it. Board approved buying them, not to exceed \$600. Connie will work on ordering and designing them. Kevin asked that we use a local printer.
 - Dayle asked about Hoopla; training has not occurred yet but it is on the list.
 - Amanda requests \$200 for craft supplies for adults who sit in the library. Craft kits can be done here or taken home. These are considered passive crafts. Board approved this request.
- Museum Passes: Amanda presented a report on museum passes
 - Connie asked if we promote this resource enough—Amanda is planning to increase promotion
 - Could we increase promotion to low income families?
 - Board agreed to follow Amanda's recommendations to
 - Drop second Deerfield pass
 - Pay increased fees for Billings and Hildene
 - Add Montshire, Springfield Museums, Cheshire Children's Museum

Action items

- ☐ Karen will ask Susan for the password to the Friends website.
- ☐ Spring Event committee will meet
- ☐ Amanda will send Kevin the list of people who helped out with the book sale (for potential future board recruitment)

Board meeting adjourned at 6:07.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Stockman