

Friends of the Brooks Memorial Library Board Meeting
Date: 1/15/25

In attendance: S. LaTronica, K. Duggan, S. Dyer, C. Cline, D. Leary, C. Kimball, A. Whiting,
D. Doiron, J. Stockman, S. Myers

Guest: (Trustee) Anne Varilly

Call to order: @ 4:30

1. Minutes of last meeting : reviewed and accepted.

2. Treasurer's Report: Dayle (see separate report for details)

Opening Balance November 1 : \$ 74,317.99

Closing Balance December 31*: \$ 87,857.42

*we did not have a December meeting so this report covers two months.

3. Presidents' Report: Karen and Sue

Annual Appeal- donations have exceeded last year's at this point.

Thank you to Amanda , the library staff, volunteers and board members for all the work on the annual book sale.

Thank you to members for creating such lovely raffle baskets. These raised \$630.

4. Book Sale Wrap Up: Amanda

.this was an extremely successful sale

.presorting the books was helpful as the staff rejected many books

.recommendation: add an additional 2 weeks to the donation period

.volunteers were very grateful for the book coupons given to them (entitling them to 2 books each)

5. The FOBML Website Update: Janice

. it's like learning a new language to change and/or add items

. the front page has been changed

. a section about what donations support has been added

. the donation page contains the Annual Appeal letter

. a button for minutes was added at the bottom

. please remind Janice of any new items to be added/updated

6. Words Trail Update: Kevin was not present. He is working on the Agreement with the Sunrise Rotary Club

7. Snacks proposal: Connie and Connie

. we allocated \$900 a year for this line item

. Amanda will ask library staff for snack requests

8. Spring Event : table a discussion of alternatives to the Dessert Night until next month's meeting

9. Library report/requests : Starr and Amanda

.thank you for the book sale as it means so much to the community

.recent challenges to the staff: EMS had to be called due to overdoses in the library. As a result the bathrooms now are locked.

. the town budget: materials, resources, and conference attendance have been cut. No staff cuts at present.

. Starr may have to ask the board to resume paying for Kanopy.

. Starr declined to go through with acquiring Hoopla as she heard from other librarians that pricing is unpredictable

Starr requested \$495 for the Dyno Man performance to be sponsored by the Children's Library

Total requests: \$1,395 (snack budget and Dyno Man)

Amanda : Museum passes are now booked through LibCal. This is easier than the previous ticket program. In July the library may use a new ticket program for room reservations.

. During the 2024 year 7 new museum passes were added. All passes were checked out for a total of 486 times.

The Montshire pass is very popular. Next month we'll consider whether to purchase additional passes to this museum.

We tabled a motion to purchase more Butterfly Museum passes. Amanda and Dayle will research the costs.

10. New Business for future meetings : Review our Bylaws to see what items/ programs our board can purchase (no essential items)

Meeting adjourned at 6:05

Submitted by Diane Leary, Secretary