

March 19, 2025

In attendance: Dayle Doiron, Starr Latronica, Margaret Atkinson, Connie Kimball, Karen Duggan, Janice Stockman, Sharon Myers, Kevin O'Keefe, Amanda Whiting

### **Secretary's Report**

January meeting minutes were accepted.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Dayle presented the Treasurer's Report. This year's annual appeal exceeded the previous year's, with a similar number of gifts but higher amounts. Our Fidelity investments are slumping along with the rest of the economy.

### **President's Report**

- Dino Man was loved by all!
- Karen, Starr and Ann met with Thompson Trust about getting a grant to update the public access computers including PCs, IMacs. Kevin volunteered to take the old computers to Staples to be recycled.
- The May meeting is the annual meeting.
- Need a Secretary, and President or Co-Presidents. Janice expressed interest in being the Secretary. Still looking for President(s).

### **Words Trail**

- Friends board is entering into an agreement with the Sunrise Rotary to maintain the Words Trail kiosk 6 months of the year, July-December beginning in 2026. This entails checking the kiosk and replacing pamphlets, making sure it is looking good. Thanks to Kevin for taking the lead on this.

### **Summer Garden Event**

- Sharon is having two knee replacement surgeries and can't host the garden party. Kevin volunteered to consider hosting something in his garden in September or possibly the second week of August. Parking space would be needed. Alternative idea is to combine the spring and summer event into one. (Update: Kevin can't host the garden party.)
- *There was quite a bit of enthusiasm about replacing the garden party with a movie day at the Latchis sometime in the dog days of summer, open and free to the public, with a family-friendly movie or two, and popcorn!*

### **Spring Event Ideas**

- Games night
- Cooking demos using equipment we lend/celebrity chefs
  - Ice Cream Maker; Blender; Crock Pot; Air Fryer
  - Bring food made at home with these items
  - Showcase other lending items
  - Buy a ticket, vote on a new piece of equipment that we could purchase

- Event connected with a book
- Mocktail/Cocktail party
- Decided on the food demo idea: Janice will chair; Kevin and Sharon on the committee, ask Connie. Janice will schedule the meetings. Tentative date–June 13.

### **Museum Passes**

- Amanda gave a report stating that we hit a record high last year. Ice skating vouchers were very popular. She has statistics going back to 2011.
- Magic Wings pass cost 650-700/year for one free admission; this is our most expensive pass
- Amanda recommends using Friends money to purchase LibCal, a library calendar software to reserve library of things and room reservations, rather than another Magic Wings pass.
- Discussion about doing both.
- Connie moved to buy 2 Magic Wings for two admissions at \$2600-2800/year. Motion approved.
- Discussed buying movie passes, which morphed into sponsoring a family movie sometime in August; NEYT holiday show, BMC passes. To be continued.

### **Library Fund Requests**

- Matt has requested 300.00 for Legos; and \$1449 for new chairs and shelves for the teen room. Connie made a motion; the board approved spending \$1749 on children's and teen room supplies.
- Starr requested \$200 for a NECCA sponsored play workshop for seniors
- Starr requested \$3000 toward the Kanopy subscription
- Starr requested \$5000 toward online magazine subscriptions through Libby
- Starr's requests were approved
- Amanda requested \$100 for seed packets. We only have to pay for shipping because Julia has obtained donations from different seed companies and from Food Connects.
- Amanda requested \$100 for 3 CD players. One would be checked out only in the library; 2 would go in the library of things.
- Amanda's requests were approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Stockman