

Friends of the Brooks Memorial Library Board Meeting

Date: 3/20/24

In attendance: S. Latronica, K. Duggan, S. Dyer, C. Cline, D. Leary, C. Kimball, A. Whiting,
No quorum today (5 absent)

Guest: (Trustee) Karen Tyler

Call to order: @ 4:38

1. Minutes of last meeting (Janice): reviewed . Karen will send out to members to accept.

2. Treasurer's Report: Dayle (see separate report for details) We tabled a discussion until the April meeting.

Opening Balance February 1 : \$ 86,544.63

Closing Balance February 29 : \$ 83,685.50

\$2,000 of the funds will be used for staff support (approved at the Feb. meeting).

3. Presidents' Report: Karen and Sue

Annual Appeal-an additional \$400 has come in this month.

Thank you to Amanda for the newsletter and new museum passes.

Amanda will file and keep our paperwork.

The FOBML website requires a new password which Matt will reset. Susan R. used her own password to access it.

Library cards sleeves -Connie C. checked out sleeves being made by Minuteman Press.

Costs- \$65 to set up

\$ 100 for \$279

\$ 500 for \$554

The sleeves will have Friends of Brooks Memorial Library on 1 side. The 2nd side will have the library name and email.

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of Brooks Memorial Library will be held in May.

4. Dessert evening update- it will be held on 5/17/24 6:30-8:00

Amanda will make a poster for the event.

The committee decided to give out seed packets [Sue is working on getting them].

Name of the event-Dayle had suggested "Books in Bloom" or "Brooks in Bloom" (Karen will ask for input from members by email).

Bookmarks will be handed out at the event.

Each member is asked to bring both a savory and a sweet contribution (32 of each as food went quickly last year).

The entrance to the event will be by donation (unlike last year where we asked for \$10).

We may have a Tarot Card reader like last year.

5. Summer Garden Party Update :

.date : July (Karen needs to check with Sharon)

6. Eclipse News: Amanda

special eclipse glasses will be handed out beginning on April 4.

The library will be short staffed the day of the eclipse (April 8) so volunteers to help out will be needed .Amanda will send out an email requesting volunteers.

A special bulletin board has been set up with Eclipse news and facts outside the Children's Room

7. Library report/requests : Starr

Memory kits are now available for patrons to check out.

Starr will attend the Memory Cafe at the American Legion on the 4th Monday of the month from 11-1. She will report on it at our next meeting.

Starr requested \$400 for a GennaRose Nethercott Workshop on 4/2/24 . The theme of the writing workshop is Eclipse folklore as inspiration. Participation is free.

Amanda requested \$75 for the annual seed library.

Total requests: \$475

Motions to approve the requests will be sent by email.

Starr also discussed Hoopla , a downloadable platform (magazines, films, books, etc.). it is similar to Kanopy as there is a

monthly limit for each patron who signs up for it.

8. Other Business : None

Meeting adjourned at 5:21

Submitted by Diane Leary, Secretary