

Minutes of the Friends of the Kimberly-Little Chute Public Library
September 4, 2009

ATTENDEES

Nancy Wood, Jim Moes, Barb Fleming, Barbara Wentzel, Beth Carpenter, Carole Vanden Heuvel, Cathy Van Gompel, Corinne Herro, Virginia Mongin, and Kate Manthey.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Minutes from the June 5th meeting were posted and there were no questions regarding the minutes. Motion to approve the minutes by Barb F., seconded by Virginia M.; motion carried.

Mary J. provided a quarterly treasurer's report for the meeting; our current balance is \$4867.99. Motion to approve the minutes by Barb W., seconded by Cathy V.; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaws group

The Bylaws group (Jim, Steve & Barbara W.) will get together to review the bylaws; proposed changes will be outlined at the December meeting.

Auditing of treasury records

As required by our bylaws, our treasury records need to be audited and reported at the annual meeting. Because our annual meetings tend to be so large (with non-members), we decided to provide the results of the audit at the March 5, 2010 meeting. This work will start in December.

AED Units

While the units are in place, there was an error in the printing of the plaques; they are in the process of being redone. At this point, we haven't received any bill for this.

Catalogs will be reviewed for signage to order for the LIT locations; it was also suggested that we could arrange for some pictures with the major contributors and provide a write-up for the Villager.

October Third Thursday program

Corinne confirmed that Brian from Great Lakes Chocolate and Coffee would be willing to explain the different types of coffee drinks for our next program. We would provide some of his coffee and chocolates for sampling, and consider door prizes of chocolate.

Corinne will work with the artist at OWLS to have some posters made up for the event; she will contact us when they are available for pick up. She will also check on the water/napkins/etc. supplies from our other events; it's likely that we already have plenty for this event, which will take place on October 15 at 6:30 pm in LIT.

NEW BUSINESS

Future Third Thursday programs

We have planned our Third Thursday dates for 2010: February 18 (annual meeting), April 15 (book festival?), May 20 (Mike Wagner – bark yard birds?), June 17 and October 21 (Halloween/paranormal theme).

Annual Meeting planning, February 18, 2010

At our next membership meeting, we need to focus a bit more on our members. We will have a table at the meeting to help explain why we started the group in the first place and give examples of what we do. Everyone was put to task to think of possible incentives to get more members/member involvement.

Kate and/or Barbara W. will bring the most current membership list to the next (December) meeting.

Instead of the typical alcohol theme, we are considering a chili cook off contest for the next annual meeting. People could sign up to bring in their version of chili, and judges could sample each and award 'prizes'. Some debate ensued about having 'amateur' and 'professional' divisions, and even asking a couple of local restaurants (El Azteca, Tuckers...) if they would like to participate. We will need to create some contest rules and entry forms with a deadline for participation; Steve & Kathy had some ideas for this. Another thought was to put signage in the vicinity of patrons who are not likely to make a whole batch of chili for themselves, but might like to sample some!

Items we considered providing – in case the chili is too hot (is this possible???) – include: avocado, milk, bread, crackers, chips & salsa and Frito Scoops.

Ideas for Library Purchases

Beth provided some follow up regarding her library wish list. As a side note, she commented that our library is much more of a borrowing library than a lending library.

VHS to DVD: we could use more in the AV budget (the FOLKs had provided an initial amount, indicating that further need should be brought to a subsequent meeting). She would like to also add some more current titles, such as TV series, to the DVD collection. Approximately \$1000 could be used toward catch up and replacing VHS titles, and another \$1000 could go toward new/different media. Beth passed around of these new types of media – a ‘play away’. Basically, it’s a very small plastic case that contains a pre-recorded book on it; users plug in their own earphones, turn it on and hit the play button. These units cost around \$60 - \$70, depending on the title it contains.

Beth would also like to add some Xbox/Wii games to the collection; they run anywhere from \$30 - \$60. These could also be used for the planned Teen Area, where a wall-mounted TV would be hooked up to the Xbox/Wii and a little friendly competition could occur. Some details remain to be worked out, including planning these game nights so they don’t interfere with patrons who need to use the library as a more quiet setting.

Barbara W. moved to commit \$3000 of FOLKs funds to AV materials – however Beth deemed it could be best used. Virginia M. and Cathy V. simultaneously seconded, and the motion was carried.

Miscellaneous

Put your thinking caps on, we need to do more fundraising!! We’ve done well in the past, and we all agree that the money has gone to do some great things at our library. But with budgets being what they are, we really need to re-stock our coffers to keep up the good work!

ADJOURNMENT – Barb F. moved to adjourn and Virginia seconded. Next meeting is **Friday, December 4th at 10:30 am in Little Chute**, although you will see more planning/information for the coffee/chocolate presentation very shortly.

Respectfully Submitted by Kate Manthey, FOLKs Secretary