

Minutes of the Friends of the Kimberly-Little Chute Public Library

June 4, 2010

ATTENDEES

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

Minutes from the March 12th meeting were approved; Barb F. moved to accept the minutes, Cathy V. seconded and the motion was carried.

The treasurer's report was reviewed with the current balance of \$2491.78. Barb F. moved to accept with Carole seconding; motion carried.

BUSINESS

Officer Elections

The following officers were elected for two year terms:

- President – Barb Fleming
- Vice President – Kathy Hermes (conditional upon her acceptance)
- Secretary – Kate Manthey
- Treasurer – Mary Janssen

Book Festival Reflection

Overall, this was a very well done event. Beth shared discussion from the last board meeting: some felt it was too long of an event and there were too many cases of overlap – people couldn't attend everything they wanted to. In the future, the festival may be reduced in length with less doubling up of presentations.

In terms of our library venues, attendees seemed very grateful for the refreshments, which other libraries didn't have. The refreshments also added a nice social aspect to the events, where it was ok to stay and chat together, versus packing it up because the presentation was over. Beth has posted video clips of our events on YouTube; however, she warns that the Kephart presentation in the Little Chute library does not have good sound quality.

Third Thursday Programming – Bird Presentation – May 20, 2010

Lee Hammen did a great job of presenting, interjecting humor in all the right places. It was a very well received event. The approximately 25 attendees provided a lot of good, favorable feedback after the presentation. There were quite a few new faces in the crowd.

A good suggestion came up: perhaps we could track e-mail addresses provided on the event feedback forms and create a mini-newsletter type of thing to let people know about the next event. This could potentially be combined with distribution of other FOLKs information.

Branding – New Library Logo

The library's new logo is complete, and it has been approved. We will pursue development of a closely related logo for the FOLKs group, to tie in with our materials. Kate will work with Beth to have the brochure updated.

Centennial Parade – September 11, 2010 (Saturday)

Kimberly is celebrating its centennial this year with a parade, and what a great way to show support for our library! We could have a banner made with the new logo and something like 'We love our Library!' and walk in the parade. Beth will look into the application to be part of the parade, and we should work on getting family, friends, and relatives to walk with us in support. Beth will also put something on the library website to ask interested community members to walk in support. The parade ends at Sunset Park, but there is no festival-type action (i.e., the possibility of a booth). Kate will work with Beth to get a banner completed, and she will also buy candy to toss.

Treasurer's Report Auditing

The first audit will actually take place prior to next year's annual meeting, reviewing the 2010 term. Jim M, Steve H. and Nancy W. are part of this review team.

Tax Exemption Number

The application is in the hands of the state at this time.

Membership Drive

No further action has taken place; this is Kate's charge.

Fundraising

Beth had some information regarding the mini-golf fundraiser idea. Basically, we would need the holes and the scorecards, with minor fees (donations) for playing. Beth is still waiting for a reply regarding some of the details. Basically, you send them a map of the library, and they lay out the course. Other fundraising in conjunction with this event could be concessions and maybe a silent auction (Jim has some drivers to donate...)

Notes from Beth

Beth's wish list:

- DVD repair – probably about \$1000 needed
- PA system for LIT (number 1 priority). This became evident with the Beth Kephart presentation – it was very hard to hear her over the fan!
- Movie events – i.e., read the book, see the movie. Beth already has seven of these planned for the year. We discussed purchasing a small popcorn maker, however Carole volunteered to talk with Tom (of Tom's Drive Ins – a former classmate) and see if he would be willing to donate popcorn, in addition to the cups that he already donates.
- Centennial trivia contest – three HOTV \$50 gift certificates for the winners
- Staff training – to send staff to various conferences (approx. \$400/\$500 per person for a conference)

Barb F. proposed that the \$50 HOTV gift certificate already purchased plus another \$100 to purchase two more certificates be purchased for the centennial trivia prizes. Virginia M. seconded – all in favor.

Beth spent the funds allocated (plus in-kind donations) at the last meeting to create some summer library gift baskets. In all, there are over 20 baskets, and this secretary couldn't keep up with all the themes and contents! They are on display at the library during the summer reading program, until they are claimed by the winners.

Third Thursday programming – we will continue to plan 4 quarterly events, but if an opportunity arises in between events, we will jump on that, too. We don't want to be too rigid with our schedule. Right now, we have only two in the works: the October 21st event and the April event during book festival.

If anyone has Third Thursday ideas – E-MAIL BETH!! She would like to get a good running start to them in order to do advertising in advance.

Beth is working with the new youth librarian, who has some really great ideas. In the future, Beth would like to provide her more support with things such as new book releases and the like.

Regarding Meetings

Jim proposed meeting every other month to keep up with all of our planning and events. We decided to meet during every even-numbered month, with the exception of August and December. Of course, we decided that this August will be an exception to the exception, because we need some planning time!

ADJOURNMENT

Barb F. moved to adjourn and Kate M. seconded. The next board meeting is slated for Friday, August 6th at 9:00 in Little Chute, so that we can plan for our October event.

Respectfully Submitted by Kate Manthey, FOLKs Secretary

Reminder – Future Meeting Dates:

- Friday, **August 6th, 2010 – 9:00, LIT** – Board meeting

Topic for next meeting:

- Third Thursday dates and events
- Setting up 2010-2011 board meeting dates/times