

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

## March 12, 2010

### ATTENDEES

Nancy Wood, Mary Janssen, Cathy Van Gompel, Barbara Wentzel, Jim Moes, Beth Carpenter, Corinne Herro and Kate Manthey.

### REGULAR BUSINESS

Minutes from the February 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting were approved; Mary J. moved to accept the minutes, Cathy V. seconded and the motion was carried.

There were no updates to the treasurer's report since the February 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

### BUSINESS

#### Treasurer's Report Auditing

This task has been postponed until the election has taken place.

#### Tax Exemption Number

The form is at the attorney's office now; we can expect in the next 30 days or so. Paul Cornett is the attorney working with us on this matter.

#### Membership Drive

We really need to roust up some new members, and we need a more formalized plan than our word of mouth approach. Kate M. volunteered to lead up this charge, perhaps starting with other inter-group meetings and friends groups, such as Seymour's and Appleton's.

#### Related Topic – Branding

The library is currently in the process of designing a new logo. When it is approved by the Library Board, perhaps an adaptation of it could be made for us FOLKs. OWLS will do design work at no charge, and they also offer inexpensive color print (i.e., to reprint our updated brochures). Ultimately, it would be nice to incorporate this design into a FOLKs banner as well, which we could use during our programming and other community functions.

#### Fundraising

With our coffers largely used on various library causes, it's time to consider fundraising again. Some of the ideas we currently have include:

- Mini-golf at the library (Beth had sent an e-mail regarding an organization that coordinates this kind of activity) combined with a silent auction
- A more formal event, such as a FOLKs ball
- An 'In Good Taste'-type event, similar to what the Kimberly Positive Youth does

We need some more ideas to consider, as well as some volunteers to lead this charge and pursue/map out options – basically what fundraiser would you recommend and what are the basics of how it could be done. Maybe Kathy & Steve and/or Barb F. might be interested in leading something like this???

Beth will get some quotes from the mini-golf folks. Barbara W. and Corinne H. will help out where ever needed (as in Fundraising, Branding and/or Membership groups).

#### Book Festival

This year, the Book Festival organizers are very actively seeking donations from the attendees and the community at large. Grant funds are drying up somewhat, and the festival needs to become more of a grassroots movement, with the goal of ultimately becoming self-sustaining. Barbara W. brought some donation envelopes for the group; they will also be available at the various events.

Posters were also available for the group to take and equally distribute among the places where members of the community frequent and congregate.

Beth provided a sign-up sheet for the four different events being held at our library. Those present were asked to check their calendars and please volunteer to be on hand during these events.

A motion was made by Barbara W. and seconded by Mary J. to purchase books for each event:

- Kephart – 1 book
- Yang – 1 book
- Campbell – 1 book
- Kagen – 3 books (two already released + a new one available the day of her presentation)

#### Officer Elections

Because very few members were present, Jim M. moved (and Barbara W. seconded) to move the election to the next meeting on June 4. General discussion ensued to identify those interested in leadership of our organization:

- Barb F. is willing and able to step up as our next President
- Nancy W. wishes to return to a Director position
- Mary J. is willing to continue to act as Treasurer, unless someone else would like the opportunity
- Kate M. is willing to serve in any capacity except for Treasurer, since she doesn't make the time to balance her own checkbook!
- Possibly Barbara W., Steve H. and/or Kathy H. would like a larger role in the group?
- All officer positions, with the exception of President, are open

Please consider adding yourself to the ballot!

#### Notes from Beth

There will be a centennial parade in Kimberly in September, after the Labor Day weekend (9-11-10). Perhaps this is a venue to promote FOLKs and carry our new banner? Any other ideas for this event?

There has been a concern that not everyone is getting the various e-mail messages going around, so Beth will set up a listserv for us. She will also serve as administrator, so if your e-mail address changes let her know so she can update the listserve. So, when you get a message from Freelist.org, please read it and accept, so your name/e-mail address is added to the list.

The Summer Library program is in the planning states, and this year, the library would like to award books as prizes, versus the token prizes that kids previously received. Beth is looking for \$500 from the FOLKs for these grand prizes. Mary J. moved and Barbara W. seconded to provide these funds; all approved. Beth will make the purchases and submit receipts to Mary J. for reimbursement.

We still have a LOT of Little Chute pewter ornaments to move. Beth would like to reduce the price to get them moving again. The group also thought that maybe these could become door prizes and/or awards for some of the adult programs.

#### Notes from Corinne

Lee Hammen from 1,000 Islands in Kaukauna is willing to do our May programming event. She will follow up with him to see if May 20<sup>th</sup> is still open. The group proposed to offer him a gift certificate for his time (perhaps a Heart of the Valley gift certificate) – and a set of ornaments!!

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Kate M. moved to adjourn and Barbara W. seconded. The next board meeting is slated for Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 in Little Chute.

Respectfully Submitted by Kate Manthey, FOLKs Secretary

#### **Reminder – Future Meeting Dates:**

- Friday, June 4, 2010 – 10:30, LIT – Board meeting

#### Topic for next meeting:

- Officer elections
- Fundraising ideas
- Dates for future quarterly meetings