

Minutes for the Cedarburg Friends of the Library-November 2, 2016

Members Present: Leann Boyea, DeWayna Cherrington, Connie Dahlman, Jason Goyette, Karen Hassman, John Katzka, Nikki Maher, Kristen Nelson, Juliet Sizemore, Carol Szudrowitz, Wendy Widener

Excused: Dick Dieffenbach, Cheryl Gleich, Todd O'Connor, Nancy O'Donnell, Jeanne Mueller

Meeting Called to Order: 6:35

Approval of Minutes

-Connie Dahlman moves to approve minutes from September and October. Mary Marquardt notes a revision to Helen Mears name spelling under the Art Committee report. That adjustment is made. Karen Hassman seconds, and the motion carries.

President's Report

-Nothing new to report this month

Treasurer's Report

-Kristen Nelson presents the unofficial financial reports for October 2016. We had an income of \$547.45, expenses of \$782.51, and outstanding pledges of \$11,167. We have a checking account balance of \$32,089.79. Our expenses in October included extra copies of best sellers, the young adult summer reading program, postage of thank-you notes, and sending Lauren Piere and Rosalia Slawson to the Wisconsin Library Association Conference. We also sent DeWayna Cherrington and Todd O'Connor to the WLA but these will be reflected next month.

-Memberships seem to be picking up slightly-we have a new Friend Forever!

-A money market account will mature in October 2017.

-There is still about \$9,000 in our restricted fund account that was not moved to the Greater Milwaukee Foundation. One portion of this is the Dearing donation, earmarked for art. Kristen Nelson will find that exact amount and report back. The remaining dollars will be part of our general usage fund.

-Our income is down slightly from last year at this time, but we are still doing well.

-John Katzka motions to approve the third quarter statement; Connie Dahlman seconds, and the motion carries.

Director's Report

-Linda Pierschalla thanks CFOL for sending some of her staff to the Wisconsin Library Association conference.

-Our new library system, "Monarch: Transforming Library Systems" becomes reality in January 2017.

-A new plate for the 3D printer is needed, but Linda has funds in reserve to pay for it.

-The book-art show is returning from January 2017-March 2017.

-Other upcoming activities include an antique appraisal, and the return of the "Hot Spots" series.

-Linda Pierschalla is starting to prepare a list of needs for 2017, and hands out a list of what we approved for 2016 to use as a kind of reference.

-One major goal for 2017 is turning the Cedarburg Library into more of a technology center than it is now.

-Jason Goyette suggests we think about purchasing more Blu-Ray titles for the library.

-Linda Pierschalla, who was a program organizer for the Wisconsin Library Association conference, shares some of her experiences with us.

WLA Conference

-DeWayna Cherrington briefly talks about some of her experiences, and promises to share more with us once she and Todd O'Connor have a chance to share and combine their notes.

-Linda Pierschalla wants to send one member of CFOL to the conference next year, which will be held at the Kalahari in the Wisconsin Dells. We will take up this discussion at a later date.

Committee Reports

Greater Milwaukee Foundation

-No report at this time.

Membership

-Connie Dahlman is no longer the chairwoman of the Membership committee. She has officially handed the reins to Karen Hassman.

Cedarburg Reads

-_Connie and Leanne reported that the biggest concern now is finding places for people to host book discussions. A plan is in place, and will need some help from CFOL later on.

-The theme is set! It is *Meet Your Neighbors One Discussion at a Time*.

-We might have the book unveiling at the firestation. It will be in January 2017, with a kick-off event set for March 1, 2017. The author event is on March 16, 2017 at the Cedarburg Cultural Center.

-There will be 50 books available for people to buy at the Library.

-Teen advisory board now involved, as is Cedarburg High School.

-Some multi-generational events are being planned, and there might be some historical discussions as well.

-The "Heart Smart" event is also being worked on.

Book Nook

-Leanne reported magazines are still hot, but books are selling well too. We are still making as much on magazines as we are on books.

-DeWayna Cherrington is considering getting and putting up some stands on top of these book shelves to give people information on CFOL.

Books for the Homebound

-Mary reported that there is still only one patron, but with hopes that more will come if we get the word out.

Press/Publicity

Both members are absent tonight. A notice for Cedarburg Reads will appear in the city newsletter - Cedar Post; this is now only online, and people must subscribe to it on the city website.

Art Committee

-Book Art Show is on the way. There will be a session on November 15 to teach people how to turn old books into art.

Book Sorting

-Still trying to keep up with this. Jason Goyette will help move some of the boxes from one closet to another. We will have plenty of books for the February booksale.

-More volunteers are needed to sort books, but they will need to be trained by veteran book sorters so that we keep our procedures in order.

Old Business

-Should CFOL have liability insurance? Something to consider next year.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35

Our next meeting is December 7, 2016