

Foundation and Friends of the North Riverside Library

Minutes of July 16, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Kathleen Spale called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Roll Call: All attendees were in person, or on WebX. Kathleen Spale, Vera Wilt, Annette Corgiat, John Mathias, Natalie Starosta, Lenora Giurini Stephanie Lancken, and Marge Hook. Absent Nadia Nammari, and Koula Tricoci.

Approval of Minutes: Stephanie made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2024 committee meeting, and the July 18, 2024 Foundation meeting. Lenora seconded, and by a show of hands, the motion passed.

Board: Annette Corgiat: On the 4th of July, Natalie led the Library parade. She made a display that was activated in the car. It looked like a fly with big wings that came up. Everyone loved it.

Library: Natalie Starosta. We are in the busy summer reading now. We will be starting Informal Strategic Planning. The book drop installation is not quite completed as yet. We have a lot to focus on.

Treasurer's Report: John Mathias: The 5th 3rd Bank balance is \$15,379. 71. The CD \$30,463.74. Next week the finish totals will be CD \$15,000.00 and \$60,899.46. We received an email from the state requiring we fill out the IL990 form. After these two changes, we will then be able to approve the treasurer's report.

New fiscal year beginning balance is the same as new and square credits. As of today, 14,916.29.

Our balance as of right now is \$60,436.04.

Lenora asked if we should do better at tracking our money, like a visualization of our funds. We should set something and keep it in place.

Vera made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Stephanie seconded, and by a show of hands, the motion passed.

Bylaws in progress: Nothing at this time.

Updates: Nominating Committee for the August Annual Meeting. Annette, Lenora, and Vera volunteered to be on the committee. Stephanie and Koula are up for renewal.

Bank and CDs: John Mathias: The rate of 5% has gone down to 4.4% for 6 months. John and Vera worked on sales tax exemptions. They are waiting for the email to confirm. The sales tax exemption renewal is every five years. Bank CD is done. Will work on 99.

Kathleen said we need a power brick on site. Natalie said we get it from Outreach. It is called an Eco Flow. Amazon has one for \$479.00 on sale today. No decision was made today to purchase one.

Grants: Nothing at this time.

Zoom Account: Natalie said we shouldn't be paying for Zoom if we aren't using it. We can use the WebX.

Letterheads and Envelopes: Not set up yet.

Electronic and Print Newsletter content: Natalie will work on it. The next issue will be end of July to August.

RB Landmark Rewards: We will do it in Fall.

Recommendation 4 Communication Calendar

Recommendation 1 Group Photo, Marketing, Postcard and Business card (QR Code). John and Kathleen will see if it will focus.

Recommendation 6 Storytelling.

Purchase Requests: Lower Level- No approval from board as yet.

Summer Reading Food Pantry Donation: The Summer Reading Program donates money to the Food Pantry according to the amount of reading the children do. The children read, and get little prizes. We keep track of the total minutes the children read. We match the amount of reading the children do to the amount of money that is donated to the Food Pantry. We need to really promote this activity.

Kathleen suggested we put this on hold. Maybe next year. Annette said that when we donate, we need to show all we do

2024 Fundraisers: Summer Concert merchandise and iPad raffle: Annette asked if we could put an advertisement about the iPad raffle in the book that is going out. The chances are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. You can get tickets through Facebook or Email.

Fall Author Program Committee- Recommendation 3: Natalie knows a Riverside author, Roberta Gates who co-wrote a book about World War II She would like to come in and talk about her book. If we

do not set it up, Natalie might do it as a Library activity.

Stephanie showed us a book her step mother wrote, The Next Great Discovery. She wants to come to the Library to do a power point and a reading. Her name is Katherine Bennett.

Fall Membership Drive Committee: Annette, John, and Kathleen are on the committee.

John suggested we bring back lectures to promote the Foundation. Pass out information to connect with us. Lenora thought it was a good idea, and thinks we can have more. We need to figure out a date for discussion on Stephanie's author. Lenora said we should look over Lauren's suggestions, and look at them with fresh eyes.

On July 30th at 6:30 p.m. we will have a meeting to discuss Author Event. Author committee meeting in person and on WebX.

Unfinished business: Christina's wedding picture was in the Newsletter.

Vera made a motion to adjourn the meeting. By a show of hands, the motion passed. Kathleen adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marge Hook Secretary.