

Friends of the Library

March 29, 2017

Call to Order: President MaryAnn Moorman called the meeting to order. Minutes of the Dec. 14th, 2016 annual meeting were read and approved. Treasurer Vickie Brown reported the income from dues, a \$1000 donation, income from Global Thrift, and expenditures for the supplies and programs requested by the library, leaving us with a current balance of \$1477.24. It was moved and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Director's Report: Natalie presented the list of activities that will be going on at the library for the next month. Check the library website to see all that is happening. One popular item to mark your calendar for is the "shred day" which will be held in the library parking lot on Saturday, April 15th from 1:00-3:00.

The update on the Reading Garden is that ground will be broken when weather permits. Natalie wanted to remind us that the library foundation on the west side is in need of repairs and this is what initiated the idea for a reading garden since the area had to be torn up for the repairs. April 1st is the deadline for the engraved pavers for the garden. The Atlantic Library will be represented every Thursday evening at Produce in the Park. Also, the Cass County libraries are planning to have a booth at the Cass County Fair.

Lastly, Natalie discussed President Trump's upcoming budget proposal which includes the elimination of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. As you can imagine, this would have devastating effects on library services due to lack of Federal funding. She urged us to contact by phone call our Representatives and Congresspersons as soon as possible before budget hearings start to take place.

Old Business: Vicki Brown gave our current membership status which is 69 paid members, of which 46 indicated a willingness to volunteer if called upon. Ken Moorman reported that he had found a good deal on book ends and has purchased and labeled them for use at our book sale.

Ken also reported on the "Little Free Library" program. Bonnie Williams has received permission from the Wiota city council to place one in the city park in Wiota. Natalie said she had also been approached by the Atlantic park director who expressed an interest in having one located in one of the Atlantic Parks. The fee for registration and location information on the "Little Free Library" site is \$45 per little library. Steve Livengood has offered to make the boxes. Ken Moorman made a motion to authorize \$45 per location in Wiota and Atlantic, and up to \$100 for supplies for each of the 2 boxes to be constructed. Bonnie Williams seconded. Motion carried. Further discussion was held about future registration and construction of a "little library" in Marne.

New Business: Discussion was held on the dispersement of an anonymous \$1000 donation given to F.O.L. after the last book sale. Natalie presented several ideas of items the library would like or needs, but many were more the donated amount. One idea that those present liked was putting the money towards the construction of picture book bins for the children's library. Natalie will let us know when she gets a more concrete idea of the cost of those. At this point in time, we will continue to hold the funds in our checking account.

Natalie reported on the Global Thrift Company that is handling the left over books from our book sale. So far, we have received a January check for \$42.33 and a February check for \$36.45 for books sent after the fall book sale.

MaryAnn talked about the upcoming book sale which will be held on April 19th-21st. Set up day will be all day on the 18th. Roger Carter said he would come in on the 17th to set up tables and to start the process. Anyone was welcome to help that day as well. Ken passed out a sign up sheet for work shifts for the 18th – 21st. Callers will also get a hold of more volunteers to fill in the time slots, or volunteers can call or email MaryAnn.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned
Barbara Chase, Secretary

