

Brownsburg Public Library May 23, 2022
Friends of the Library Board Meeting

Rhonda Nelson, President, called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Elainna Fair, Lara Boulton, Linda Peterson-Roe, Mary Baechle, and Rhonda Nelson

Absent:

Staff: Denise Robinson and Amie Scott

Other:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lara Boulton moved approval of the February Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Linda Peterson-Roe and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

The board reviewed correspondence and no action was necessary.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Denise reviewed the financials for February, March, and April with the board.

2022 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We mailed 819 letters, and of that, we wound up sending solicitations to 711 new members. We're up to 41 new members for a 6% mail return rate. We collected \$5,185 in dues and our average gift was \$45. We're at 69% of 108 members from last year.

SHOP UPDATE

We've seen an uptick in revenues through our advertising efforts and plan to put vendor product out year-round. We'll have our first \$3/bag sale on Wednesday, 5/25. Former staff member, Lindy Schwartz, reached out to offer assistance with this year's Holiday Shoppe by going to garage sales on our behalf. We've approved a budget of \$75 per month to Lindy as a guide for spending.

2022 SUMMER READING SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

Denise shared Robbi's request for support from the Friends for Summer Reading. Linda-Peterson Roe moved approval to donate \$1,000 to the summer reading program and Mary Baechle seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Friends will have a booth at the Kickoff Celebration on June 6.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We're doing well and are still hearing comments from people that haven't been back since our renovation. Our shields came down and our door counts are picking up.

We had a young man who reached his "1,000 books before Kindergarten" goal on his own. These were unique titles he read all on his own and his family had a party to celebrate.

Discussion ensued about the 501(c)3 status. Denise is working with Gene Hostetter to put it in place.

Our solar workstation has been installed and was paid for by the American Rescue Plan Act, Duke Energy Foundation and the Thomas A. Kays Memorial Fund.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

August 8, 2022 @ 7 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Baechle
Secretary