

Brownsburg Public Library May 10, 2021
Friends of the Library Board Meeting

Rhonda Nelson, President, called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Cari Palma, Lara Boulton, Linda Peterson-Roe, and Rhonda Nelson

Absent: Mary Baechle

Staff: Denise Robinson and Amie Scott

Other:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

2021 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We mailed 862 letters, and of that, we wound up sending solicitations to 782 new members. We're up to 54 new members for a 6.9% mail return rate. We collected \$4,395 in dues and our average gift was \$42.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We sold 65 bricks in our latest revival of the brick walking path fundraiser for a profit of \$1,849.50. We hope to have them installed by mid-June.

Denise shared copies of our summer reading solicitation letter and sponsorship option list with the board. Denise mentioned that the Friends have been very generous assisting with program supplies the past few years, but have never been a monetary sponsor for prizes. She invited the board to consider sponsorship in the future. The board agreed to contribute \$1,000 to the 2021 summer reading program and \$1000 to the 2022 winter reading program. They will plan to have a table at the Kickoff on June 7. We will solicit those on our Friends membership list to see if they'll volunteer. Lara and Rhonda both indicated they'd be willing to help out with the booth.

We are working on setting up a new bank account with competitive interest rates for Friends since we can no longer keep our funds in TrustIndiana. Denise did speak with Matt Boulton regarding 501c3 status for the Friends. Matt is currently working on setting up 501c3 for another organization and is willing to help us with ours once he finishes up with the other organization.

We have reached out regarding our in-house Christmas décor so that we can get on the schedule.

We've been doing in-person programming and it's going very well. Everyone on staff has been very excited to offer programs onsite again. We will still have monthly virtual options and some "take and

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make” programming as well. Our goal is to be back to our usual numbers in the Fall. Denise reviewed some of the upcoming changes we’ll be making as we put the building back together again.

The Friendly Garden Club has agreed to plant around the gazebo and beautify the area. The Friends donated \$452 for plants for the project.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

August 9, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara Boulton, Acting Secretary