

Brownsburg Public Library November 9, 2020
Friends of the Library Board Meeting

Rhonda Nelson, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Cari Palma, Lara Boulton, Mary Baechle, and Rhonda Nelson

Absent: David Ratcliff

Staff: Denise Robinson and Amie Scott

Other:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rhonda Nelson moved approval and Cari Palma seconded. The motion to approve the minutes passed 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 - October with the board.

SUMMARY/COMPARISON

Our methodology for recruiting new members over the past couple of years has worked. We will plan to send out the 2021 mailing the first week of December.

The Holiday Shop is open in a more modest form (due to the pandemic). The inventory isn't very large, so we don't expect huge profits, but our online sales this past year have helped immensely.

The Walking Path is complete. We sold 94 bricks at \$50/brick for profit of \$2,582. Our grand opening was October 24 and had several people in attendance.

Our summer reading donations were down, but we tried our best to keep it "normal". We did request some assistance from the Friends for postage and prizes totaling \$2,414.99.

2021 BUDGET

Denise reviewed the proposed 2021 budget with the board as well as a proposal to create a staff recognition committee. Rhonda Nelson moved approval for the formation of a staff recognition committee and subsequent budget line along with the 2021 overall budget. Lara Boulton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BYLAW REVIEW

Denise reviewed changes to the bylaws. Lara Boulton moved approval of the bylaws and Mary Baechle seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RENEWALS

Rhonda Nelson and Lara Boulton agreed to renew their two-year term and the new term will expire 12/31/2022. David Ratcliff will not renew his position on the board. Linda Peterson-Roe has agreed to

serve. Mary Baechle moved approval to appoint Linda Peterson-Roe to replace David in his two-year term set to expire 12/31/2022 and Rhonda Nelson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OFFICERS FOR 2021

Rhonda Nelson – President
Cari Palma – Vice President
Mary Baechle – Secretary
Lara Boulton – Treasurer

Mary Baechle moved approval for the new slate of officers and Lara Boulton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS

Denise has filed the Friends paperwork with the Secretary of State’s office. She is still looking over the 501c3 status and will likely seek legal assistance with the paperwork.

We have been informed that we can no longer keep our Friends money in the TrustIndiana fund.

Denise doesn’t have a definitive date for when programming will resume. Our numbers are starting to inch up slightly with door counts and circulation. The meeting rooms reopened on November 2. Our staff training day is on Wednesday, November 11 and the topic is overall mental health and wellness. We’re looking forward to the day.

The building will be decorated for the holidays after Thanksgiving.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

February 8, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Baechle
Secretary