

Attendees:	Fran Feigert	Tim Tolson	Peter McIntosh
	Tony Townsend	Tom Whitlock	Karyn Trumbull
	Bill Davis	Krista Farrell	Melissa Dickens
	Libby Carpenter	Liza Millett	Anne Hemenway
	Nancy Damon	Sharon Heyka	
Absent:	John Halliday	Charity Haines	Jane Kulow

1. President Tony Townsend called the meeting to order at 5.30.
2. The minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Libby Carpenter moved to approve the minutes, Tom Whitlock seconded, the minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Peter McIntosh presented the Treasurer's report. Peter reported that we have more cash flow than was expected; more than we have ever had in the first six months of any year. Financially, we are in excellent shape.
4. Krista Farrell presented the Director's report. This was the biggest year ever reported for activity at JMRL. She provided copies of the Legislative Program Goals. They will be asking the Friends to contact legislators to ask for additional support and increased funding for the library. Krista asked for feedback about the Fridays After Five work that JMRL and the Friends did last year, and if we would be willing to participate again next year. The feedback was positive. Tim Tolson suggested having a joint Library and Friends table with promotional material available for people waiting in line. It was agreed that the Friends would like to participate again next year. Krista passed out copies of the newest edition of "Beyond the Books". She also discussed the Winter Reading Program and The Big Read (in March). The kick off date for the Big Read is February 27th and invited the Friends to come and participate in this event. Krista shared that there is discussion of a southside Library which would be located near Monticello High School. There was a fundraiser for the Winneba library project. The fundraising came up short of the needs for their project and Krista said she was going to request \$500 of unused Friends funds for this project. Anne Hemenway asked about the status of renovation of the Central Library and Peter McIntosh reported that there are no funds from the city allocated for this project in 2016. Tony Townsend suggested that contacting our local legislators might be helpful in bringing attention to the need for these renovations.
5. Bill Davis presented the Book Directors's report. He thanked all for attendance at Andrew's going away party and shared Andrew's appreciation for our gift. He is missed. Bill reported that he is using a lot of volunteer help for sorting and processing of donations. The storage unit has had to be moved temporarily to accommodate ongoing renovations at the library. Donations are at an all time high.
6. Tony Townsend reminded us that the upcoming book sale is April 2-11
7. Bill Davis reported that the Books Behind Bars program is going well. We are mailing out about 300 books/month, and have spend about \$3017, mostly on postage. He reported that most of the work s being done by a few volunteers and now that it has been set up, he has not had to do too much work on it himself.
8. Peter McIntosh typically coordinates the volunteer reception. It has been agreed to be scheduled for Tuesday April 19, 2016 at Gordon Ave from 4:30-6:30.

9. Peter McIntosh presented an option for hiring Bill's replacement. This option includes hiring 2 people sequentially and while Bill is still here with the Friends. One person would be hired to be Bill's eventual replacement and the other would be the assistant. This would give Bill the opportunity to train his replacement but would cost the Friends extra money. It was agreed that this was worth the extra cost and would be a great benefit to the Friends in the long term. These positions would be paid at 17/hr for the sales manager and 14/hr for the assistant manager. Melissa Dickenson moved that we accept the proposal. Tom Tolson seconded the motion. All approved.
10. Megan, a visiting member of the public (and Library employee) suggested that we get a button maker or utilize a button maker for making buttons for various events. Melissa Dickinson offered to ask Gordon Avenue if we could use their button maker.
11. Tony Townsend called for additional new business, and hearing none, he announced that the next meeting is scheduled for April 21.
12. At 6:25 Liza Millett moved that the meeting would be adjourned, Tim Tolson seconded and all approved.