

Friends of the Library
September 19, 2019
Gordon Avenue Library
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Nancy Damon, Peter Manno, Melissa Dickens, Peter McIntosh, Bill Schrader, Ted Magilley, Grier McCain, Wendy Craig, Liza Millett, Proal Heartwell, Karyn Trumbull, David Plunkett

President, Melissa called the meeting to order at 5:35pm

Invitation for guest comments

Bill Schrader shared greetings from John Halliday and news that he has been elected to a new library board

Approval of minutes of June, 2019 meeting

The meeting minutes were not available to be approved and will be presented and approved at the next meeting

Treasurer's report

Peter shared the fiscal year report. We have \$30,273 of unallocated funds for spending beyond the budget which falls in line with the plans to spend \$30,000 in the Grow Nelson Project which we approved this year. We also have finally received all of the BBB money from the donors that had been promised and was owed. We also have received quite a few unplanned donations.

Nomination of interim Board Member

We are still looking for a board member to fill the vacancy left by John Halliday. We are still looking for a nominee hopefully from Nelson County

Book Sale Director's report

We are in full swing getting ready for the Fall sale. We have lots of books and a little cramped for space so some books are being moved offsite that we expect to need during the sale. Peter shared the schedule and dates for the fall and spring sales. He has decided that we will have the spring sale during spring break again and monitor the use of the Venable parking lot to help decide if we will change that schedule in subsequent years. Peter reported that we made about \$470 plus use of outreach tents during Fridays After 5.

Bill Schrader suggested that we consider exploring the possibility of using the old Northside Library location with a proposal of a small payment that the owner could use as a tax write off for a year to test out the use of an alternate location for

the book sales. Nancy Damon made a motion to have Bill call and explore this possibility. Ted seconded the motion. All approved

Report on Book Behind Bars

Peter reported the expenses and volume of books being sent. Demand does seem to be increasing slightly but the workload does not seem to be increasing. The BBB program does ease some of the recycling burden because books are being sent that would otherwise need to be recycled.

Library Director's report

David Plunkett reported that there will be a grand reopening of the Louisa Library after some recent renovations on Sunday 10/6. Another round of programing just started at the Library. David shared a new policy that Macmillan is restricting the sale of copies of new e-books to 1 copy for the first 6 months. He asked that we fill out the petition against this action if possible

Nelson Library Opening Day Collection

The Perry grant has pledged \$100,000 if \$150,000 can be raised towards that project by June 1, 2020. grownelsonlibrary.org is the website for donations. David explained the process for receiving and spending for this project. The hope is to have the project completed by July 2020

Old business

There was no old business to discuss

New business

By-laws revision

Melissa shared a proposed revision of the by-laws to specify the duties of the Recording Secretary and the Corresponding Secretary to be in keeping with the two positions that exist. Peter moved that the revision be approved. Karyn seconded all approved.

Strategic plan review

Melissa proposed that we adjust our strategic plan scheduling from every 5 to every 10 years. Peter suggested that perhaps a formal strategic plan isn't necessary. We agreed to review and consider the options and table the discussion until the next meeting.

Outreach committee

Melissa asked if someone would like to chair an outreach committee to revise and improve some of our outreach efforts. Ted Magilley volunteered to chair this committee.

Announcements

Book Sale Members' Night – Friday, Nov.1

Book Sale – Nov. 2-11

Next Board Meeting – Jan. 16, 2020

Peter Macintosh shared that he will be having surgery in October so he is making plans and preparations for not being able to function in his capacity as Treasurer. He has been working with Ted to hand those duties to him during his recovery.

Adjourn

Peter moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50, Nancy Damon seconded, all approved.