



Friends of the Library Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Prairie City Public Library Friends of the Library was held at Prairie City Public Library, 100 E Fifth St, Prairie City, IA 50228, on August 18, 2016.

Members:

Present: Kim Johnston, Stephanie Clark, Emily Simmons, Cheryl Kimball, Ray Young, Kathy Bright
(quorum present)

Others Present:

Library Director: Sue Ponder
Other:

Proceedings:

- *Meeting called to order* at 6:30 p.m. by Friends President, Emily Simmons
- Correction to July meeting minutes was noted: Remove Kim Johnston and Cheryl Kimball from the list of members present. Kim Johnston moved to approve the July meeting minutes as corrected. Cheryl Kimball seconded. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report provided by Library Director, Sue Ponder:

- Friends of the Library's account remains unchanged. Recent deposits: \$125.80 from lollipop sales; donation from Paul McConnell in the amount of \$71.50 through a community support campaign matching gift.
- The Friends of the Prairie City Public Library is a nonprofit organization under their fiscal agent, the Jasper Community Foundation. The Foundation holds the "umbrella" 501(c)3 for their member organizations.

Brainstorm for Friends activities and fundraisers

- a. WinterFest: PC Celebration Committee runs a festival each year, usually two Saturdays after Thanksgiving. Need ideas for fundraisers or library-sponsored activities. Ideas:
 - raffle a yard card (plywood/painted soldier or candy cane), Ponder will call Rick to see if they still have pattern
 - Silent auction of kids' artwork or local art show. Could work with 4H kids (Daphne Owens). Auctioning kids' artwork may be difficult, don't want any hurt feelings. Discuss more next meeting.
- b. Bake sale or serve breakfast during city wide garage sales. City wide in PC is September 24, may be too soon for this year. Also could do a perennial plant sale in the spring.
- c. Dunk tank for Prairie Days 2017: Allow nominations in the months leading up to Prairie Days. Save as an agenda item for early next year.

Old Business

- a. New mom gift bags: Ponder found out onesies pricing was a lot higher than the original quote appeared. A-Team will charge \$25 setup fee plus \$7.95 per onesie. Ponder will look into other options, get in touch with Marilee Fenton's dad.
- b. Prairie Days: No further discussion.
- c. Friends' logo: postponed until next meeting.
- d. Research for business cards- Ponder will check on Instaprint pricing and report back.
- e. Adding Friends page on Library website: Sue will work on this as time permits.
- f. Blue-cord program: postponed until fall.
- g. The Library did not receive the JCF grant for architectural services. Other grants may become available. Ponder will talk with Jeff Davidson, the Jasper County Hometown Pride coach and ask him to keep his eyes open for grant opportunities. Members expressed concern with losing momentum on the process. This initial funding is needed for the design/predesign work that will be needed to apply for another grant. Stephanie Clark moved that the Friends send a representative (Simmons volunteered) to the Library Board meeting on September 13 at 6pm to ask for matching funds to support this next phase of the library addition project. Kimball seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

- Add Kat McClure and Hillary Stallings to the email distribution list. Send notices to Mike Mendenhall for inclusion in the newspaper.
- Library improvements:
 - New movie display: will use the coffee cart for the new movie display, keep an eye out for a replacement!
 - Changing station: Recently became aware of need for a changing station in the library women's restroom. Kimball moved to fund the purchase of a changing station, not to exceed \$300. Kathy Bright seconded. Motion passed.
- Next meeting set for September 15, 2016 at 6:30pm.

Action Items:

- Ponder will call Rick to see if they still have yard card pattern
- Ponder will look into other onesie options, get in touch with Marilee Fenton's dad
- Ponder will check on Instaprint pricing for business cards and report back
- Simmons will attend Library Board meeting on September 13 at 6pm to ask for matching funds for library predesign

· Meeting adjourned at 7:35p.m.

· Minutes submitted by Stephanie Clark.