

Weathersfield Proctor Library

Friends Meeting

November 7, 2018

Present: Mark Richardson, Director; Barbara Putnam, President; Deb Gibbs, Secretary; Judy and Bob Topolski and Cookie and Ernie Shand, and Rick Bates, Trustee.

Absent: Ginger Wimberg, Vice President; Ann Parent, Treasurer; Melissa MacKenzie, Member at Large

The minutes from the August 22, 2018 meeting were read and approved as amended. Ernie moved to accept the minutes as corrected and Bob Topolski seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was read by Debbie in Ann's absence.

Beginning balance from August 22, 2018 \$ 285.00

Receipts:

Bake and Book Sale \$ 1,224.75

Dues \$ 175.00

Interest \$ 0.04

Total Receipts \$ 1,399.79

Subtotal \$ 1,685.45

Disbursements:

Sally Harris for Friends Cards \$ 53.03

Summer Hill Books for Newsletter \$ 125.76

Friends ½ of Book Recycling Dumpster \$ 225.00

Jane Griswold Radocchia Speaker Fee \$ 200.00

Dedication supplies \$ 30.00

Total Disbursements: \$ 633.79

Total: \$ 1,051.66

Librarian's Report

Mark reported that when Tom Fontaine came to speak, the building was also being used by a Girl Scout's troop in the basement. The Girl Scouts meet every Sunday and this is the type of organization Mark would like to see more of using the library building.

Mark also asked the Friends for permission to use \$807 to purchase three (3) Lenovo Chromebooks. The computers will be signed out to be used in the library. The advantage now is that the library has fire walls and proper protection. Ann Parent had told Mark that the funds to purchase these Chromebooks is available. Judy Topolski moved to allow the Friends to purchase the computers and Debbie seconded it. Permission was granted from the Friends to go ahead and allow Mark to make this purchase.

The specifics are as follows:

80YS000CUS Lenovo N23 11.6 Chromebook N3060 4GB/16FL 1366x768IPS HD 1YR \$269
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Lenovo N23 11.6" Touchscreen LCD Chromebook - Intel Celeron
N3060 Dual core (2-Core_ 1.60 GHZ - 4 GB DDR3L SDRAM - 16 GB Flash
Memory - Chrome OS - 1366 x 768 - In-plane Switching (IPS) Technology -
Black - Intel HD Graphics 400 DDR3L SDRAM - BT - 1 YR

Once the computers arrive the desks on the first floor of the library will be moved out of the front room. Judy's desk will be moved to the room where the table is now.

Mark went on to say that the expansion has allowed the Saturday movies to be reinstated. On November 10 the Good Dinosaur will be shown. On November 14 Barbara Williams Shepherd will speak at 6:30 and sign her books - Gone Too Soon and Gone Too Soon II.

Fund Raising

Cookie noted that asking for donations for the Book, Pie and Yard Sale went very well. \$652.00 was raised from the yard sale. Cookie also explained that more funds are expected to come in from the sale of three Lladro' figurines from Spain. Mavis Shand Ellingwood is investigating their value.

There is still no chair for the Fundraising Committee, but the trustees are working on it.

It is expected that there will be a Town Challenge in March. Ginger Wimberg has agreed to come up with most of the questions and to act as MC. They will meet after the holidays.

Rick Bates brought up the fact there was a problem with the sound system at the last Town Challenge. He offered to use some of his own sound system equipment if that would help.

It was discussed that perhaps the book sale was too late in the year and more money might have been raised if it was held earlier in the year. It was also suggested that the Friends needs to be more critical of the books accepted for the sale. This can be discussed at the January meeting.

New Business

1. Christmas celebration - no date has been set yet. Mark suggested making it a Friday evening or Saturday. Ernie offered to help contact the Fire Department to coordinate the arrival of Santa Claus.
2. Barbara suggested a Thank You Celebration for Dot Stankovich. This too can be discussed further at the January meeting.
3. Mark suggested a Fondue party. Donations of appetizers, main dishes and desserts will also be asked for. He suggested this be held 3 to 4 weeks on either side of the date of the Town Challenge.
4. Bob Topolski also suggested a "Snowshoe Day". Mark noted that perhaps Parks and Recreation should be brought in to help coordinate an event like this.
5. There was also a discussion as to the need for volunteers to work at the library.

Ernie moved to adjourn this meeting at 8:00 pm and Bob seconded it. The next meeting of the Friends of the Library is set for Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Gibbs