**Friends of Peninsula Community Library**

Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, July 19, 2023

The meeting, held in the Community Room of PCL, was called to order by President Marcia Decker at 1:30 p.m.

**In attendance:** Fifteen members—Chris Cipko, Phyllis Cooley, Nancy Davy, Marcia Decker, Nora Francis, Mary Kennedy, Ellen Kerr, Cheryl Naperala, Madelyn Ryan, Sharon Scranton, Vicki Shurly, Nikki Sobkowski, Gretchen Soutear, Nancy Tucker, Michele Westcott.

**Friends’ Board Member reports:**

**Vice President:** VP Madelyn Ryan explained that we met with members of other Friends’ groups at our library. We hosted guests from Kingsley, Interlochen, and Fife Lake in April. It was a good meeting, and we learned a lot about their operations and fund-raising. Another meeting will be scheduled at one of their libraries.

VP Ryan also thanked the various men who lent their expertise and physical labor to various projects around the library.

**President**: President Marcia Decker pointed out that we had a once-in-a-lifetime experience on Monday, the last day to donate books for the book sale, when a truck and trailer pulled up and donated 23 boxes of books. Amazing.

**Secretary**: Secretary Nancy Tucker explained that the minutes are posted on the website, in addition to being distributed at our meeting. No additions or changes were proposed. A motion was made by Mary Kennedy to approve the minutes; seconded by Ellen Kerr. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

**Treasurer:** Treasurer Mary Kennedy presented two reports. The first listed receipts and disbursements for the first two quarters and the second report totaled the categories of receipts and disbursements for the same. We currently have $24,500, even after funded several projects earlier this year.

**Membership chair**: The membership report, compiled by Chair Robbin Stott, was given by Marcia Decker. We currently have 148 members, down a bit from last year, plus 59 lifetime members.

**Brick orders**: Michele Westcott explained that brick orders are still coming in, and we will be taking orders until the last day of the book sale, August 16.

**Advertising, etc.:** Lisa Taylor, who has been working on the Friends’ shelf in the library with Nora Francis, would like to step away from that role to concentrate on advertising, etc. Nora Francis agreed to continue alone.

**PCL Director’s report:**

Library Director Vicki Shurly presented the following report:

* It’s been a busy summer. We have received many compliments about our library.
* Several of the men associated with the library put together the playhouses in the Children’s Garden. Big thanks to them.
* Vicki would like to hire a retiree to do odd jobs around the library. With Board approval, she will post the position.
* The “Night in the Library” was cancelled because of the air quality problems. It will be rescheduled for a better time.
* A record number of people used the library last month, including kids, teens, and adults.
* This week saw 83 people at summer reading club (the normal is 25).
* The last Tuesday in August will have Miriam Pico playing music in the Children’s Garden.
* There will be two more University of Michigan Medical presentations (August and September) thanks to Gretchen Soutear and her hard work on making this happen. August 21 is filling fast.
* Circulation last month—2700 items. Additionally, 24 programs served 534 people.
* The cooler is here, and it is good.

**Old Business:**

President Marcia Decker shared the following:

* Our Summer Solstice party drew 100 people; we had exactly enough ice cream. We also garnered donations of $179, thanks to a guest at the party who suggested we put out a donation container.
* Beach read sale brought in $600.
* *Cheese, Chocolate, and Chardonnay* event is scheduled for October 15. The theme is “In with the Old.” We are gathering vintage items for the silent auction. Donations will be taken beginning August 1.
* The newsletter deadline is August 10. We still can use more book reviewers, and suggestions of articles that we should write.

**New Business**:

* August 2 is the day for moving boxes from the township offices to the library in preparation for the book sale. Book sale volunteer opportunities exist. Sign up in the red book. Anyone who lives on the main road may want to take a yard sign to put up.
* Vintage books were discussed. Books are currently being moved from the Friends’ room. Michele discussed collectibles and how they can be priced. Some will go in the CCC sale; ordinary vintage will go in the August sale. A suggestion was made that we could list some of the books we have in the newsletter. Another suggestion was made to put some of the vintage or collectible books on a shelf in the hallway.
* A children’s holiday party will be held in December (date to be announced). A Santa has been secured for the event.
* The climbing structure for which we have purchased rocks needs to be installed. Rather than ask our volunteers to do this work, a professional quote is being sought from Old Mission Associates for the work.
* In addition to the book sale, volunteer opportunities exist for several programs that are coming up, including the Art Sale (9/23), Book Sale Yard Sign (8/9-8/16),Newsletter book review, Children’s Holiday Party (12/?), CCC committees. A sign up sheet was passed around.

**Other:** A friend of the library, Jill Dike spends much of her year in Nigeria. She has in the past taken books to the children there. She is looking for specific types of children’s books and will come before our sale to look for books.

Nancy Davy, Library Board Member, had nice things to say about how well things are working with the stellar team of the Friends’. We appreciate your compliments, Nancy.

As a final move, it was suggested that we might want to add to the castle in the children’s garden. Vicki has been exploring the possibility of an addition called a bridge extension. After seeing a picture and a tentative price, Mary Kennedy moved that we purchase the bridge extension at a cost of approximately $1100. The motion was seconded by Ellen Kerr. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM

UPCOMING DATES

7/26: CCC Committee Meeting, 10:30AM, Neahtawanta Room

8/1 – 8/31: Vintage Donations for Silent Auction, PCL Circulation Desk

8/9: Book Sale: Members Only, 4PM-6PM

8/10 – 8/16: Book Sale Half off on 8/15, Bag day on 8/16, Charity giveaway on 8/16

8/10 Newsletter articles due for September Newsletter

9/23: Art Sale 10AM – 4PM

10/18 General membership meeting 1:30, Community Room

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Nancy Tucker