**Friends of Peninsula Community Library**

Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, October 16, 2024

The meeting, held in the Community Room of PCL, was called to order by President Marcia Decker at 1:38 p.m.

**In attendance:** Margianne Alfonso, Penny Campo-Pierce, Chris Cipko, Phyllis Cooley, Nancy Davy, Marcia Decker, Nora Francis, John Goy, Ellen Kerr, Joelle Kolodey, Gladys Maguire, Jenna McFarland, Margaret Monsour, Susan Peters, Madelyn Ryan, Vicki Shurly, Gretchen Soutear, Robbin Stott, Nancy Tucker, Daryl Webster.

**PCL Library Director’s Report:** Library Director Vicky Shurly told us that the library and library programs have been very well attended.

* Walk-to-school day was held last week so that young people who don’t normally walk to school could do so. The library was the beginning of the walk to Old Mission Peninsula School, which included healthy snacks for the walkers. Another walk-to-school day will be held in November to honor Ruby Bridges.
* The trail that was mowed on St. Joseph Church property could be made permanent for easier traversing.
* A grant was received this summer to update our indoor air ventilation system.
* Fall maintenance work has begun.
* The library hosted a successful Kid’s Market, which featured children selling their artwork and craft projects. This project was patterned on the Art Fair.
* The skeletons are back in the Children’s Garden.
* The Winter newsletter will cover December/January/February.

**Board Member Reports**

**Vice-President’s Report:** Vice-President Madelyn Ryan reminded us that the book sale evaluation committee meets on Wednesday, October 30 at 1:30 pm. She also sent around a sheet of suggested topics for us to add to. Bricks are in process.

**Secretary’s Report:** Secretary Nancy Tucker explained that she sent electronic copies of the minutes to the people who had attended the last meeting. She also shared paper copies. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Mary Kennedy was not present; however, she sent a report which President Marcia Decker shared with us. The Oktoberfest party generated $3,445. Our total receipts for the year are $26,500. Our available balance is $22,789.87. We have a balance to be paid to PPH of $3,764.32 for the mini-split heating/cooling system.

\*\* Additional financial information is available upon request.

**Social media:** Jenna McFarland reports that we have a good following on NextDoor, 50 people. We are establishing a FaceBook group.

**Membership:** Robbin Stott shared the following information with us:

* As of October 10, we have 36 more members than we had in 2023 (238). 2024 (274).
* Numbers 2023 2024 2025

Individual 38 40 3

Household 70 (140) 81 (162) 2(4)

Lifetime 60 72 1

Total 238 274 8

* Any new members joining in September had their memberships extended through 2025. Total new membership is 8.

**Old Business** presented by President Marcia Decker:

* Our booksale raised $9,072, which is our best ever record.
* Oktoberfest had good reports. Everyone seemed to have a good time. We raised $3,445. Comments were solicited and included “Keep Oktoberfest”, “Keep the trivia games. People liked it when they got used to it.” “The questions were great.” “Our host was great.” “Next year, we could get more people into the trivia.” “The weather helped us. We need to plan for bad weather, too.”
* The heating/cooling mini-split was installed Monday. We still owe $3,764 to PPH which will be paid after the inspection by the township and the county.

**Officer nominations:** The committee for nominations were Robbin Stott and Chris Cipko. Chris Cipko shared the nominations—Marcia Decker for President and Madelyn Ryan for Vice-President. The floor was opened to additional nominations. There were none. A voice vote was held. The result was unanimous in favor of Marcia Decker and Madelyn Ryan continuing in their respective positions.

**New Business**:

**Shed.** It has been suggested that we investigate the placement of a storage shed that would be a catch-all for the books we collect for the book sale. We will be exploring some possibilities for location on the library property. With the floor open for discussion, we talked about some of the challenges, including topography, waterflow, location, cost, concerns of the fire marshal, permits. Suggestions were made including rental space or a different location to house books. It was suggested that Pahl’s in Buckley has pre-built storage sheds that might work. We are forming a committee of interested and knowledgeable parties to investigate the challenges and the possibilities. Anyone interested in serving on this committee should contact Marcia Decker.

**Venmo:** Jenna MacFarland explained that we are looking into Venmo as a way for people to pay for events, books, etc. as we may find ourselves handicapped in financial dealings if we don’t use some sort of credit system.

**Help Wanted:** Several events are coming up over the next few months.

* Children’s Holiday Party with a professional Santa, Sunday, December 1 from 4-6PM.
* Holiday Sing-Along on December 16 with Dave Baumann, 6:30-8:30PM.
* Book Donations will resume in January 2025.

Sign-up sheets were passed around for members to choose what they would like to help with.

**Other:** President Marcia Decker thanked everyone who helped on the book sale in August and Oktober fest in September.

Thank you at the end of the meeting for the great turnout and all the new people who are interested in getting involved.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00PM

Next meeting: January 15, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. at PCL.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Tucker, Secretary of Friends of Peninsula Community Library