**Friends of Peninsula Community Library**

Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, October 19, 2022

The meeting, held in the Community Room of PCL, was called to order by President Mary Kennedy at 1:00 p.m.

**In attendance**: Nancy Davy, Chris Cipko, Marcia Decker, Nora Francis, Mary Kennedy (President), Ellen Kerr, Gladys Maguire, Madelyn Ryan (Vice-President), Becky Gagnon substituting for Vicki Shurly (Library Director), Robbin Stott (Membership Chair), Lisa Taylor, Nancy Tucker (Secretary), Michele Westcott (Treasurer).

**Review/Approve Minutes**: The minutes were presented by Secretary Nancy Tucker. The minutes were accepted as presented.

**PCL Director’s report:**

Becky Gagnon from the library staff was substituting for Director Vicki Shurly.

* The generator was installed thanks to a generous donation from FPCL.
* A new sign will be coming to Peninsula Drive and Island View to replace the old one. An anonymous donor is funding the replacement, which is being designed by Image 360.
* The Hobbit Hole tunnel will be delivered this month and will be installed by Old Mission Associates.
* Old Mission Peninsula School partnered with PCL on the National Walk to School Day, October 12. Children walked from PCL parking lot through the fields to school. Many thanks to Jeremiah Warren for mowing a path.
* The University of Michigan Lecture Series was a resounding success. Video is available on VIMEO. Three new talks are being planned for next year.
* Local musicians Doc and Donna Probes joined us for our last concert of the year on October 17 with music from the Age of Aquarius. Planning is beginning for a new concert series next year.
* Storyteller Jenifer Strauss headlines our Harvest Festival October 29 with tales and songs.
* PCL facts: PCL opened on the school stage on July 15, 1957, with a collection of 656 items. Today, the collection has over 20,000 items.
* PCL facts: Circulation in September 2022 was 2547+ 147 manual checkouts. Fifteen new library cards were issued.

Becky suggested that we think about their weeded, deleted puzzles. Should we sell puzzles pre-Christmas in the lobby? We all said “yes.”

We did a round-robin of who’s here.

**President’s Report:** President Mary Kennedy thanked Marcia Decker, her husband Al Decker and all the volunteers that made this year’s book sale a success. Thank you to Becky Dykstra who did the Art Sale. Thank you to Madelyn Ryan for continuing to upgrade and update Friends website.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Michele Westcott distributed a report on our financial status. Our current balance is $18,187. Of that $8,000 is in reserve, giving us an available balance of $10,187. A complete report is available upon request.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Membership Chair Robbin Stott reported that we have 59 new members this year. We have suggested a card for Lifetime members; Michele is designing it.

**Book Sale:** Book Sale Chair Marcia Decker characterized the book sale as “fun.” Things went very smoothly, thanks to a great of pre-work. The total receipts for the sale were $5910 + memberships sold during the sale were $345 for a total of $6255. The *Friends Only Sale Day* drew large numbers of people and sold several additional memberships. The first two days of the sale were well-attended. The *Half-Off Sale Day* was successful. The *Charity Give-away Day* attracted many charitable organizations, private library owners and institutions. At the close of the sale, the unsold boxes were taken to the *Blue Vase* in Interlochen, which has an organized system for sorting and then selling or re-homing the books. Following are Marcia’s suggestions for the book sale going forward:

* Continue to accept book donations on the first and third Monday of the month from December to July,
* Continue to pre-sort as the books come in,
* Keep the book sale in August to cater to vacationers,
* Continue the volunteer sign-up sheets with a volunteer coordinator,
* Eliminate the 50-cent price for books so that we don’t have to deal with coins, and reconsider pricing in general,
* Add an evening sale date,
* Change the advertising—keep the signage, eliminate advertising in Record Eagle,
* Plan a caravan of volunteers to drive the leftover books to the Blue Vase,
* Consider a shorter length of time for the sale.

Marcia has agreed to continue as book sale coordinator for another year. She passed around a sign-up sheet for helping with book donations, from 4-6 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month beginning in December.

**Art Fair:** According to Becky Dykstra, chair of the Art Fair committee, most of the artists want to come back next year. We had 22 tables, which amounted to $770. We received lots of positive comments. It may be that we should increase the price per table. We do not have room for any more tables. We also need new signs for the Art Fair and the Book Sale.

**Bricks:** Michele Westcott indicated that 20 bricks have been purchased and will be installed in the spring. We will continue to take orders for bricks and purchase them once a year. The order form will be on the back of the membership form.

**Old Business:** The nominating committee of Madelyn Ryan and Nancy Tucker presented the slate of officers for the open positions of President and Vice-President: for president, Marcia Decker; for vice-president, Madelyn Ryan. There were no nominations from the floor. President Mary Kennedy entertained a motion to accept the slate as presented. Motion was made by Ellen Kerr and seconded by Nora Francis. A voice vote was held. The slate was accepted. Our new president as of January 2023, will be Marcia Decker. Our Vice-President will be Madelyn Ryan.

**New Business:** The Community Foundation has given a grant of $500 to the Friends of PCL. They would like to know how we use it. A motion was entertained to put the funds toward the cost of the New York Times (Sunday only) and/or the Wall Street Journal. Since the total of the cost of these two publications exceeds the grant money, it was further suggested that the FPCL contribute to the cost. The motion was made by Nancy Davy and seconded by Chris Cipko. By a voice vote, the motion passed. A note will be written to advise the Community Foundation of our decision and thank them for the grant.

Discussion was held on the advisability of holding a spring fund raiser. After discussion of an online silent auction, another idea was suggested. Marcia Decker raised the idea of a photo shoot in the spring where people could come to the library with their families and have a picture taken by a professional. The idea was met with interest, and we will continue to investigate it.

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Next meeting is Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. in the PCL Community Room unless things change.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Nancy Tucker