

**SOLDOTNA LIBRARY FRIENDS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes August 10, 2022 at 10:15 AM Joyce Carver Library**

**Attendance:** Joan Merrick (President), Barbara Olson (Vice President, Acting Secretary), Pam Joslin (Treasurer), Vicki Johnston-Freese (Book Sales), Mary Lou Wilcox, Michelle Blackwell

**Absent:** Wendi Dutcher (Secretary), Heather Rasch

**Guests:** Rachel Nash (Librarian)

**1) Call to Order at 10:20 am:** Joan Merrick, President

**2) Approval of agenda:** Motion to approve by Michelle; second by Vicki; all in favor

**3) Approval of Minutes from 7/13/22:** Motion to approve by Michelle; second by Vicki; all in favor

**4) Treasurer's report:** Pam Joslin

- Progress Days Fund raising was very successful. Thanked everyone for their hard work. Book sales, donations and bake sales totaled \$1,646.72. After a few expenses, the month began with \$28,567.64 in the bank and ended with \$30,262.50, bank and cash on hand.
- Vicki added that the "For Sale Bookshelves" in the library lobby moved a lot of books earning over \$90 selling paperbacks at \$.25 each or 5 for \$1. Her crew is keeping it stocked.

**5) Librarian's report: Rachel**

- Busy summer with reading participants about the same as 2019 level. DIY projects have been very popular. More people attending programs.
- Will return to winter staffing soon. Afternoons will be busy once school starts next week.
- Rachel presented a funding request for Remote Connectivity Support for \$5,750 to continue circulating mobile hot spots from October 1, 2022 until June 30, 2023. The city is anticipated to take over funding on July 1, 2023. This was originally funded by ARPA funds, supplying an important need for internet access in our community. There are 12 mobile hotspots that can be checked out for 3 weeks with no renewal due to high demand. Motion to approve by Mary Lou; second by Michelle; all in favor. Pam issued a check at the meeting.
- Rachel will email us information on the Emergency Connectivity Program which helps fund internet access for individuals.
- Sewing Project – Mary Lou discussed the \$1,000 mini grants available through the City of Soldotna. With Ryanna, she has identified sewing machines and pricing so would like to move forward with applying for this grant before the 8/15/22 deadline. There was general agreement to have Mary Lou move forward with this grant application.
- Michelle discussed Wendi's fundraising idea about Beer for a Cause, such as Reading Rain Brew. Our non-profit would receive a portion of the sales of a specific brew at Kenai River Brewery. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

**6) Progress Days Recap:**

- The bake sale earned \$176 and served as an opportunity to promote the book sale. The book sale was open 10 am – 4 pm with sales of \$1,133 (books and 3 pieces of art). There were 207 shoppers (74 shoppers in the first 2 hours). Normal book sale attendance is 74-98 per Vicki.
- Ideas for next year include selling muffins and small/hand pies, especially homemade items. Although commercially donated items sold well too.

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- Michelle obtained donated baked goods from Fred Meyers, Safeway, and Odie's along with coffee from Starbucks. Starbucks donated a large container of coffee; however, a smaller container would be enough.

**7) Holiday event planning for Book Sale, Bake Sale, and Art Sale on 12/3/22:**

- Michelle has agreed to chair the Art Sale, hopefully with Elaine's help. Michelle will contact Jane Fuerstenau about chairing the bake sale again this year. Vicki will chair the book sale.

**8) Library advisory board meeting report: Michelle**

- Michelle attended the Advisory Board Meeting meeting on 7/18/2022 to update them on Friends activities. She will be unable to attend their 10/17/22 meeting but Rachel would be happy to present a written report from the Friends (needs it by 10/10/22).

**9) Chamber pie auction donations: Barbara**

- The Chamber is soliciting donations for their pie auction. We agreed to donate 2 book baskets and 10 family memberships. Barbara will work with Vicki on the book baskets and will print up the gift certificates.

**10) Quarterly Newsletter: Barbara**

- Barbara asked for ideas to communicate to our members our accomplishments. The quarterly newsletter wasn't very effective. We will use the monthly book sale email to list bullet points of our achievements.

**Upcoming Book Sales:** No August book sale  
September 29, 2022  
October 27, 2022  
December 3, 2022 (Holiday Event: Art/Bake/Book Sales)

**Adjournment:** 11:18 am. Next Meeting September 14, 2022 at 10:15 am.  
(Michelle will be out of town)