

SOLDOTNA LIBRARY FRIENDS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monthly Meeting Minutes September 14, 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, Heather Rasch

Absent: Wendi Dutcher (Secretary), Michelle Blackwell

Guests: Rachel Nash (Librarian)

1) Call to Order at 10:15 am: Joan Merrick, President

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

3) Approval of Minutes from 8/10/22: Motion to approve by Vicki; second by Pam; all in favor

4) Treasurer's report: Pam Joslin

- We began the month of August with \$30,142.50. We did not have an August book sale but we did have sales from our book shelf of \$203.30, donations of \$101.40, memberships of \$530 and a special donation of \$750 to use for our sewing program. As approved at last month's meeting we donated \$5,750 to the library to support the Library's Emergency Connectivity Program. Our annual charitable registration with the State of Alaska was submitted, cost is \$40. We ended the month with \$ 26,047.61 in the bank and cash on hand.
- We did not receive either of the two mini-grants from the City of Soldotna, but we did come in 3rd place out of 9.
- Joan received a call from the City suggesting we contact the Elks about funding our Sewing Machine Project

5) Librarian's report: Rachel

- Rachel attended the Alaska Library Catalog Membership annual meeting and is now on the budget subcommittee. Libraries are still trying to recover from the pandemic and its effect on circulation.
- At the State level, we are looked on as a very high performing small library.
- It is time to update the strategic plan that was developed 5 years ago. Conducting a community survey "What do you want your library to offer in the next 3-5 years". Modifications are expected based upon all that was learned during the pandemic.

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

- Michelle Blackwell has arranged for Jane Fuerstenau to chair the bake sale again. She has also arranged for Elaine Woodburn to help with the art show.
- After a discussion about soliciting more artwork, a decision was made to solicit artwork along the lines of high-quality crafts (pottery, fiber arts, quilting). Between Mary Lou, Joan, and Pam, they will contact the pottery guild, fiber arts group, and quilters. Other possibilities are woodwork and jewelry. All our artwork currently on display will be pulled and placed for sale in the community room.
- After December, we will decide what to do with the artwork that didn't sell as we have limited storage abilities. We might donate items to other non-profit organizations.

7) Sewing Machine Project – Mary Lou

- We did not receive the \$1,000 mini grant from the City of Soldotna although we received \$750 cash donation for the sewing project from Linda Hutchings.
- Mary Lou will contact the Elks to apply for a grant to help fund this project.

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- We would like to purchase 7 identical machines (6 for classes, 1 to loan out). Ryanna and Mary Lou have zeroed in on the Janome machines, some of which are available through Bearly Threaded, but there are still some reservations as currently the only dealer is in Fairbanks.
- Waiting for Ryanna Thurman to return as she will be heading up these classes and needs to approve the sewing machines that will be used.
- Mary Lou will see how well Bearly Threaded does in repairing her Janome machine. She will also find out if they are trying to become a dealer for Janome.
- Mary Lou will create a special poster for donations toward the Sewing Machine Project for our book sale area and for the holiday event in December.

8) Additional Items:

Upcoming Book Sales: September 29, 2022

October 27, 2022

December 3, 2022 (Holiday Event: Art/Bake/Book Sales)

Adjournment: 11:07 am. Next Meeting October 12, 2022 at 10:15 am.