

SOLDOTNA LIBRARY FRIENDS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monthly Meeting Minutes October 12, 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 (via phone)

Absent: Wendi Dutcher (Secretary), Michelle Blackwell

Guests: Rachel Nash (Librarian), Sherry Hassell (member)

- 1) **Call to Order at 10:16 am:** Joan Merrick, President. Introduction of Sherry Hassell, an SLF member who is interested in being more involved with our organization.
- 2) **Approval of agenda:** Added Book Sale Report and Heather's need to be out of state. Motion to approve by Barbara; second by Pam; all in favor
- 3) **Approval of Minutes from 9/14/22:** Motion to approve by Mary Lou; second by Vicki; all in favor
- 4) **Book Sale report:** Vicki
 - There were 139 visitors. Book sales were over \$1,000 and several pieces of art sold. The success was perhaps due to the PFD payout.
 - Vicki will not be here for the next book sale 10/27 but is coordinating people to cover it.
 - A big donation of books being delivered in stages that Vicki is coordinating.
 - Money boxes for book sales and donations get overfilled and the money is easy to reach. The money boxes will be emptied more regularly with the money being placed into two bank bags which are locked in the SLF filing cabinet. If there are checks, Pam will be notified.
- 5) **Treasurer's report:** Pam
 - We began the month of September with \$25,927.61 in our bank account. During September we had a very successful book sale which included \$1,015.80 in book sales and \$180 in art. We had income from our bookshelf, donations, and memberships less a few expenses leaving us with \$27,543.86 (in the bank and cash on hand).
 - A \$200 check was received designated for SXQ Library fund. None knew what that is so Pam will call the writer of the check to get more information.
 - Kenai Chamber of Commerce is requesting donations for their fund raiser. We decided not to donate at this time. We have donated to the Soldotna Chamber this year.
- 6) **Librarian's report:** Rachel
 - The October 17 meeting for the Library Advisory Board has been cancelled. There will be a work session during the week of November 9 at the library to go over the strategic plan. The public is invited.
 - Most of the libraries around the state are back to offering their regular programs. Directors have been hired for Valdez and Anchorage libraries. The vote to defund the library in Ketchikan did not pass. It's important for all of us to communicate to others the value of our library.
- 7) **Sewing Machine Project:** Mary Lou
 - Mary Lou will be leaving town October 24 until spring
 - She submitted a request to the Soldotna Elks to help fund our sewing project. The request was read at their meeting a few weeks ago. They had a meeting last night (10/11) to decide, but Mary Lou has not been notified of their decision.
 - The mini grant through the City of Soldotna for \$1,000 is still a possibility. They awarded the grant to Bearly Threaded, but Bearly Threaded told Mary Lou that they will be turning down the grant. It appears that we would be next in line to receive the grant.
 - Mary Lou will attend tonight's City Council meeting to check on the grant status.
 - If we receive these grants, Mary Lou will contact Linda Hutchings to see if she would like to have her designated gift refunded.
 - Mary Lou stated that Bearly Threaded has offered to donate sewing supplies.

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- Mary Lou stated that Bearly Threaded can maintain the Janome machines.
- Mary Lou will turn over information on both grants to Joan so that Joan can follow up when Mary Lou leaves.
- Pam asked about the purchasing steps. It makes the most sense for the Friends to purchase the machines directly from Bearly Threaded and then donate the machines to the library. The purchase cannot be made until the grants are figured out.

8) Holiday event Book Sale, Bake Sale, and Art Sale on 12/3/22 from 10 am to 4 pm: Barbara

- 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.
- Soliciting of high-quality crafts – Mary Lou reported the potters are involved in other events. Pam will contact Elaine to run some ideas by her.
- Vicki stated that people last year preferred home-made goods such as fudge. Baked goods would be dropped off on Friday December 2.

9) 2023 Calendar of Book Sales and Board Meetings: Barbara

- Barbara presented a calendar of book sales and board meetings through next year.

10) Annual Meeting: Barbara

- The annual meeting will be held **Wednesday January 11, 2023 at 10:15 am.**
- Elections will be held at this annual meeting.
- The regular board meeting will be held immediately after the annual meeting.
- Discussion about launching the Sewing Machine Project at the annual meeting.

11) By Laws Committee: Pam

- The committee (Pam, Joan, Barbara) hasn't met lately. Pam proposed we meet in the next week or so.

12) Additional Items:

- Barbara – The monthly book sale announcement included bullet points about what we've accomplished. Any suggestions??? Joan and Sherry stated they did not receive it. Resend this email to them and determine the problem.
- Barbara – Attended the 100 Women Who Care meeting on September 29. Each member agrees to donate \$100 each quarter to the selected non-profit. I was chosen to be one of three people to discuss their non-profit. Our non-profit was not chosen this time, but I will continue to attend these quarterly meetings. This could help fund the work that needs to be done on our web site. Pam asked that we consider budgeting for web site work next year. Barbara will come up with a budget amount for web site work and will also send information to 100WWC to the board.
- Mary Lou – The mini grant process will open again in January 2023 so keep an eye out for it. This is great source of funding for specific projects.
- Heather – She will be out of Alaska on a long-term basis and may not be able to continue as a board member. She will remain on the board until the annual meeting at least. She will stay in contact with Joan on incorporating her into our meetings.
- Mary Lou – Discussed the ability to pass the charges for using the Square Reader (processing credit card sales) onto the customer. We decided not to pass these charges onto our customers.

Upcoming Book Sales: October 27, 2022
 December 3, 2022 (Holiday Event: Art/Bake/Book Sales)

Adjournment: 11:20 am. Next Meeting November 9, 2022 at 10:15 am.