

Soldotna Library Friends – Board of Directors

Minutes for Monthly Meeting held August 9, 2023 at 10:15 AM

Library Conference Room

Attendance: Joan Merrick (President), Mary Lou Wilcox (Summer Vice President), Jane Fuerstenau (Winter Vice-President), Vicki Johnston-Freese (Book Sales), Jane Gabler, Romi Haseo, Heather Rausch

Absent: Barbara Olson (Secretary), Pam Joslin (Treasurer)

Guests: Rachel Nash (Librarian)

- 1) Call to order at 10:15 AM.** Mary Lou is filling in for Barbara Olson as Secretary.
- 2) Approval of agenda:** Romi moved, Vicki seconded, agenda approved.
- 3) Approval of Minutes from July 12, 2023, Meeting:** Vicki moved, Romi seconded, minutes approved.
- 4) Treasurer's Report** was reviewed.
 - *The month of July began with \$37,017.33 in the bank.
 - *Our July book sale totaled \$963.44.
 - *Bake Sale totaled \$590.25.
 - *Total Revenue for July 2023 was \$1731.89.
 - * \$3800 was contributed to the library.
 - *Total Expenses were \$3914.73.
 - *Ended the month of July with \$34,954.49.
- 5) Book Sale Report:** Vicki
 - * July, Progress Days book sale was very successful.
 - * It was suggested to use the Square to keep track of all money received be it cash or credit. We will investigate a little more training.
 - * Mary Lou will do the ads for the September book sale.

6) Librarian's Report: Rachel

*The Family Workstations were moved to a better location and IT has improved the connections.

*Library Appropriations were moved to the August 23, 2023, Public Hearing.

*Summer Reading program has been wrapped up. The Block Party at Parker Park was attended by 46 including parents and children. The Sea Life Center donated 4 passes to the reading program.

*Children's Department had a very well attended Jurassic Park Escape Room. It is the 30th anniversary of the Movie.

*The Tween Scene had 18 kids attending in the Community Room.

*The Library has posted an Internal Position for Clerk I.

*City facilities have been visited by First Amendment Auditors making sure they are allowed to video tape in the building. The Soldotna Library has not been visited yet but would appreciate calm, positive support from the Friends if they are.

*It was asked if the Library Story Time would be led by individuals other than library staff. Rachel informed us that the official Library Story Time is only led by trained staff. If an individual wanted to hold their own story time, they certainly could use the Community Room to do so.

*The Sewing project is doing well. The classes were full.

*The Seed Catalog is about ready to be put to bed for the winter. It is an experiment and not in the library's mission. If the public is interested, they will maintain the space in the building for the Seed Catalog.

*New library cards are in. They ran out of cards and are preparing for kindergarten visits.

7) Old Business:

*Soldotna Visitor Guide Advertisement: Rachel thought a ¼ page ad was fine. If the library wanted to include a picture, then they would need a ½ page ad. Romi proposed to make the ad larger if needed and the Soldotna Library Friends would pay for it. Seconded by Mary Lou and approved.

*Attorney Review of changes to the Articles of Incorporation and to Bylaws: Postponed.

8) New Business:

* Library Advisory Board Meeting: Jane Fuerstenau attended the meeting. The Library and the Friends are highly respected by the Board.

9) President's Report:

*Joan will be gone for the September meeting. Mary Lou will fill in for Joan.

*Jane Gabler will be absent in October and maybe November for surgery.

*Romi will be gone for the October meeting.

Reminders:

*No August Book Sale.

*September 13, 2023 – Next Board Meeting at 10:15 AM.

*September 28, 2023 – Next Book Sale from 2-6 PM.

Adjournment: 11:03 AM