

## **Soldotna Library Friends – Board of Directors**

**Minutes for Monthly Meeting held on September 13, 2023 at 10:15 AM**

### **Library Conference Room**

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

**Absent:** Joan Merrick (President), Barbara Olson (Secretary), Pam Joslin (Treasurer)

**Guests:** Rachel Nash (Librarian)

**1) Call to order at 10:15 AM.** Mary Lou is filling in for Joan Merrick as President and for Barbara Olson as Secretary.

**2) Approval of agenda:** Jane F moved to approve the agenda, Romi seconded, agenda approved.

**3) Approval of Minutes from August 9, 2023, Monthly Meeting:** Heather motioned to approve, and Vicki seconded, minutes approved.

**4) Treasurer's Report** was reviewed.

\*The month of August began with \$34,834.49 in the bank.

\*We did not hold an August book sale. We received \$260.80 in front of the house book sales and donations. We also received \$300 in membership fee. Total Revenue for August 2023 was \$560.80

\*Total Expenses were \$50.83.

\*Ended the month of July with \$35,464.46.

**5) Book Sale Report:** Vicki

\* No August Book sale was held. Did have a 1-week sale of quilting books at the Front of the house book rack. Sold many quilting books for 25 cents each.

\* Thinking of setting up the book shelf with WWII, Vietnam/Civil War/Time Life Books and tabletop books.

\* Mary Lou will do the ads for the October book sale.

**6) Librarian's Report: Rachel**

\*Heritage Place would like books. We have lots of Danielle Steele to donate.

\*They did fish skin tanning with teens/adults. Thirty-six people attended. It rekindled the partnership with the Kenai tribe. They hope to hold another program in the fall of 2024. Maybe a fish dissection workshop with fish and games.

\*Representative Justin Ruffridge is participating in the AK House Education committee, "Read with a Representative" Alaska Read Act K-3. It addresses the infant to K to build a reader. He will read at a Preschool Story time.

\*Story time at Heritage Place is being held. The adult Storytime helps with dementia residents. A Town Square discussion of a poem will also be held, and the library will bring them pulled books, preferably large print.

\*The position of Clerk I has been filled.

\*The library is weeding the adult section that were ignored during the pandemic. If not circulated in 4 years, the book is pulled.

\*Soldotna Montessori school has not found a librarian yet. Some teachers are using their prep period to walk the class to the library a for library time. The District librarian position is also open. It was observed that perhaps a lack of advertising of the salary range is the difficulty in filling the positions.

\*Rachel is going to a conference in Anchorage the first week of October.

\*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

**7) Old Business:**

\*Soldotna Visitor Guide Advertisement is completed and includes pictures.

\*Attorney Review of changes to the Articles of Incorporation and to Bylaws were reviewed and accepted. Good job to everyone on the committee.

**8) New Business:**

\* Mary Lou will train as many of the book sale crew as possible on using the Square to keep track of all book sales, either cash, check or credit card.

**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:**

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

\*October 11, 2023 – Next Board Meeting at 10:15 AM.

\*October 26, 2023 –Book Sale from 2-6 PM.

**Known Absences:**

\*Joan will miss November 8 meeting, Jane Fuerstenau will step up to President.

\*Mary Lou is leaving October 29 until late March of 2024. Jane F will be Vice-President October 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024

\*Jane Gabler will miss October 11 and possible November 8 meeting.

\*Romi will miss October 11 meeting.

**Adjournment: 11:10 AM**