

FRIENDS OF THE WEBSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
January 18, 2023

Present:

Deb Suffoletto, Mark Herden, Angela Demerle, Elain Davis, Ruth Tetlow, Ted Cole, Marge Gascon, Valerie Eaton, Karen Stoddard, Richard Reid, Peg Ehmann, Roby Incardona, Winanne Messing, Neysa Costanza, Brenda Rubinstein, Gail Dominik

Guest:

Jennifer Paxton – Library Liaison

Linda called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Welcome – no new members

Secretary Report – meeting minutes from 11/16/2022 were presented by Peg Ehmann. Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Peg reported Lobby Sales for December were **\$3,400.29**, which is the all time high for sales at the Lobby Store (this included Holiday Book Sale figures). A new treasurer's report will be submitted showing all the amounts for the year 2022.

Membership Report – Marge reported that the renewal emails will be going out next month for a renewal date of March 1, 2023.

438 – members with emails

86 – members no emails – information will be going through the mail

524 – members will be sent renewal information

There are 79 Life Time Members

People can renew at the Library Circulation Desk at the Library (credit card or cash), renew by mail or renew online. All instructions will be included in the correspondence being sent out.

Marge also reports that the “new program” for the database is in place.

Volunteer Report – Gail sent around a signup sheet for events that the Library is having over the next few weeks. Talking with Jen (library liaison) two volunteers from the Friends would be great to help out however if only one responds that will be fine. At the beginning of the events, the person in charge would like a Friends volunteer to explain a little about the Friends, as the programs that are going on are funded by the Friends.

Publicity / Newsletter – Winanne reported that she is working on publicity for the Friends Book Sale in April. She is working on promoting member night which is April 26th.

Gail reported that the information regarding the Book Sale will be in February's newsletter.

Will try to send out a newsletter every month.

Friends Book Sale – Peg sent around a signup sheet for “Shift Coordinator”. Hoping to get new people to volunteer and get trained for this position.

Contact List – Jen talked about compiling a contact list to be kept at the Circulation Desk for reference purposes. Committee Members and Officers.

Library Events – Jen reported that there are two new events planned for the spring,
Special Needs Parent Resource Fair: Saturday, April 15 – 2:00 – 4:00 pm
This fair will help families to find resources and help you make connections with the right people. For more information you can contact Jen.

Volunteer Fair: Thursday, May 11th – 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Will be hosting local organizations looking for volunteers. For more information you can contact Jen.

More information will be available as we get closer to the dates.

Pot Luck Lunch – April 1st (that's right April Fools day)

Arrive at 11:00 am and lunch ready to be served at 12:00 pm. Please bring a dish to pass.

Paper goods, utensils will be provided. Water will be provided. There will be extension cords available for crockpots. More information will be provided closer to the date.

Next Meeting is March 16th at 2:00 pm in the Children's Room.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Respectfully submitted

Gail Dominik