

Friends Meeting, April 13

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Attendance: Alan, Tina, Stan, Bill, Fran, Laura, Verna Cole, Patty, Tom.

- 1) President's Report:
 - a. Welcome and introductions for Kerenza Ryan, owner of Beautiful Brain Books.
 - b. Two additional items added to New Business. Motion to approve agenda, 2nd, carried.
- 2) Vice President's Report:
 - a. Attended the Friends of Michigan Libraries meeting March 17 in Novi. The most memorable highlights were regarding legalities such as following 'public fund rules' with the donations the FOL gives to the Library, and to be careful when running 'raffles'. Also, the ACLU has set up a program where we can contact them for advice for just a \$5.00 fee.
- 3) Secretary's Report: motion to approve March meeting minutes, 2nd, carried.
- 4) Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Account balance: \$14,067.28
 - b. Cash box sales: \$421.90
 - c. Online sales: \$183.37
- 5) Finance Committee Report: none.
- 6) Membership Committee Report:
 - a. Thank You to Stan for posting the FOL membership campaign notice at the Edna Burton Senior Center.
 - b. Thank You to Patty, Jenny, Margaret and Carol Reed for being Greeters at the March and April community programs. Kareenza Ryan spoke with one of our Greeters and became our first FOL Business Member.
 - c. A May calendar was provided with additional Library programs needing volunteers as Greeters. Text or Email Tina with your choices.
 - d. Thank You to Bill and Jenny for compiling a list of businesses along the M-15 corridor. Tina verified the list, made some additions and recorded 102 businesses and their addresses to be used for a Membership Campaign mailing list.
 - e. Patty was unable to compile a list of businesses in the Village of Ortonville, but will try to get one made as soon as possible.
 - f. A copy of the Membership Campaign letter to be sent was provided for everyone.
 - g. Tina had sent out an email with questions and answers for Greeters to use if they needed more info on the FOL. Shauna re-formatted it into a FOL FAQ sheet and a copy was provided for everyone.
 - h. A reference to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library is made within the Membership Campaign letter and the FOL FAQ sheet, so a copy of their program was provided for everyone to familiarize themselves with our involvement. We sponsor 2 children at \$150 per child for a 5 year period and 60 books each.
 - i. We had one additional person apply as an individual member bringing our total membership to 20. A copy of the Membership List and their contact info was provided for everyone.
 - j. Tina had also attended the FOML meeting in Novi and reported that ALL other FOLs relied solely on their Bookstores and their Membership dues as their fundraisers. She encourages

all members to volunteer some time in the Bookstore, and speak with friends and neighbors about becoming a member or making a donation. If we do not participate in these Fundraisers, then we cannot financially support the Library.

- 7) Bookstore Committee Report: the new cash box seems to be too small, so Jenny purchased a new one to be installed soon.
- 8) Fundraising Committee Report: the Easter Basket Raffle raised \$78.00, and the sale of individual Easter baskets netted \$123.54 after deducting the cost of supplies. Total \$201.54.
- 9) Library Director Report:
 - a. Beginning Monday, April 17, all Library programs will be held at 48 South Street, downtown Ortonville.
 - b. The Summer Reading prizes have been purchased, and as part of the "Kindness" theme, Laura is working with Parks & Recreation to plant trees in the Brandon Township Community Park.
 - c. The Library purchased window-clings with the Library logo for adult goodie bags, and the FOL is interested in getting some with an FOL logo too.
 - d. The Library is not participating in the M-15 Garage Sale on May 6, but the FOL is encouraged to place their "Bookstore Open" and "Used Book Sale" signs out. (Margaret – this is NOT the \$5.00 Per Bag book sale! This is only to let the public know that the Bookstore is open during the Garage Sale)
- 10) Library Board of Trustees Liaison Report: no report.
- 11) Library Staff Liaison Report: Fran attended all open houses for the local elementary schools and promoted the FOL and the Bookstore at each one.
- 12) Unfinished Business:
 - a. Easter Basket Raffle – see #8.
- 13) New Business:
 - a. National Library Week: no plans or volunteers came forward.
 - b. Online book sales: Alan will make arrangements for a meeting with Margaret, Tom and the company Victoria-NIA to take over the online sales in 30 days.
 - c. Cash box access: a larger cash box has been purchased.
 - d. Tina officially resigned as the Bookstore Manager. The President nominated Margaret Crockett, motion to accept, 2nd, carried.
 - e. Motion made to move the monthly FOL meetings to the 2nd Monday of each month, 2nd, carried.
- 14) Motion to adjourn at 7:25pm, 2nd, carried.