

Minutes of Friends of the Library Board Meeting

April 12th, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

Attendees: Jacquie, Maureen, Joyce, Lynda, Becky, Julie Thorne, Jose Rodgers

Unable to attend: Brownie

AGENDA:

- 1) Adoption of March 14, 2023 minutes. Moved by Lynda, seconded by Julie. Carried.

- 2) Updates/business arising from minutes - Jose
Report from March 25th book sale including new memberships. 12 new memberships were received and sales totalled \$433.65. Brownie's suggestion after the sale was to avoid Saturdays. Next book sale date to be determined at next month's meeting.

- 3) Treasurer's Report – Julie
 - a) e-transfer setup has been set up at First Credit Union but needs tweaking.
 - b) Brownie sold \$275 by taking carefully selected books to bookstores in Vancouver.
 - c) Total assets = \$17603.01. \$15000 would be available for funding. See attached report

- 4) Book Cube Report – Jose
 - a) Apr 6 \$438.95 deposited by Brownie. The carpet replacement affected the book cube activity and library patronage in general.
 - b) Brownie and Jose took apart discarded books and the covers have been donated to the Art Centre.
 - c) If Board Members can recommend a book, it really helps with selling. Bring books in and put a note on as to who recommended it.

- 5) Librarian's report – Becky

Programs over spring break for kids and teens were well attended. Follow up program for adults was well-received. Art has changed in library. Kerensa Haynes' display called Beyond Touch and Feel is currently adorning the walls. Becky will report on FoTL's activities and funding at next week's board meeting. She will be canvassing for more funding for libraries at the Vancouver Island and Coastal local government convention next week. The Rick Hansen society will be here this spring to check into accessibility at the library. T-coil enabled

technology which uses radio frequency may be something to consider for the future.

6) Discussion re allocation of funds for projects, programs and/or resources.

- a) Becky provided some input. She suggested that FoTL consider funding the purchase of two Cricut machines. Computers for maker space and Victor readers would be purchased by the library if FoTL does not choose these. The Writer-in-residence program is covered in the Library's operating budget but things could be shifted around if Friends want to fund it and be recognized in funding credits. Author visits are currently covered by the Library operating budget aimed primarily for adult programming.
- b) After further discussion the board agreed to allocate:
 - (1) \$900 for one or two Cricut machines
 - (2) \$1000 for 2 Victor Readers
 - (3) \$3000 toward a new counter in the Maker Space. Credit to Fotl would be displayed in some fashion.
 - (4) \$500 to kids programs,
 - (5) \$500 for teens programs
 - (6) \$1000 for adults programming.
- c) We need more info from Becky about French language resources and the teen room needs.

7) Other business

- a) Bench: Karin at the Art Centre asked FoTL to write a letter to Community Forest in support of the Art Centre's request for funding for 2 benches in the entry way. There could be shelves underneath for books. **Action:** Jacquie to clarify benefits/drawbacks for FoTL with Brownie.
- b) Julie moved and Jacquie seconded that Jose Rodgers be appointed as an interim board member. Carried. Maureen reported that Jose's formal nomination would take place at the next AGM. **Action:** Maureen will call Societies branch re adding new board members.
- c) Document storage – Becky has offered a drawer in her office for these.
- d) Cognitive care kits – This initiative is now being considered by the Library. Brownie has offered to be involved.

Next Meeting: May 10th at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Lynda Harris