

Meeting of the Friends of Union County Library

Union County Public Library Community Room

January 15, 2020

Friends in Attendance

Jackie Volk, Pres.

Sally Woodworth, Treas.

Nancy Bryant, Secretary

Robert Harford

Judy Baldwin

Connie Rosenberry

Helen Harford

Roslyn Wise

Barbara Hale

Katherine Lavery

Susie Brendle

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Jackie Volk, President

Minutes from November 20, 2019 were approved as written with Motion made by Judy Baldwin and seconded by Robert Harford.

Treasurer's Report – Sally Woodworth reported that there was a 9% increase in net income in 2019 with the main fundraisers being the “Everything Christmas” sale and the two bake sales. The first bake sale raised \$716, and the second bake sale \$893.05. Expenses are down from approximately \$4,000 in 2018 to approximately \$2,000 in 2019. Proceeds from the Membership Drive in 2019 was down from 2018 to approximately \$4000. Membership Sponsors (15 total) provide approximately \$1500 in Membership dues. “Amazon Smiles” provided \$181 during 2019. A copy of the Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2019 is attached to these minutes and a copy available in the Friend's Room for viewing. Sally reminded the members that she would be needing more post card stamps for use in mailing new and renewal members cards.

Librarian's Report –

- Susie Brendle reported that computer access is currently limited due to a router problem. Colin (IT) will install a new motherboard during the MLK Holiday. ½ of the Computers are being replaced with New Windows 10 being installed. These are for public access.
- Lego Club meets at the Library on January 29.
- Career Club will be at the Library January 28.
- Food for Fines will be active February 1-29. The Library will forgive \$1.00 in fines accrued at this library for every canned good donation. Canned goods support The Union County Food Bank.
- Cat In the Hat will be at the Library during Monday Storytime on February 24. Susie estimates 20-25 books will be needed and said there are 8-10 copies left from the Dr. Seuss story time FOUCL presentation 2 years ago.
- The Library will be closed for the MLK Holiday. The Pines System is expected to be down from Saturday (6:00 p.m.) until Tuesday (6:00 a.m.). This may also affect RBdigital.
- **Committee Reports**
- Welcome – Joan Dorogi and Katherine Lavery will be taking turns, alternating months, as they contact new members. The next FOUCL event will be emphasized to new members, and if they attend, a special effort will be made to extend a personal welcome to them.
- Newsletter – Connie Rosenberry needs photos for the Newsletter. She may change the current Who's Who" format.

- Webmaster – Robert Harford presented a Monthly History graphic to illustrate that December 2019 was the third biggest month for unique visitors. Visitors stayed in the site longer during December. He has added a new page to show respect for member family losses.

Old Business

- 2020 Officer Installation is complete with a vacancy remaining for Vice President.
- Membership Renewal Letters were sent on January 7, 2020.
- Presentation of Books to Children were made at Santa Storytime on December 9, 2019.
- Christmas Gifts (\$25 Walmart gift cards) were given to UCPL Staff on December 16, 2019.

New Business

- Book Pages Purchase Approval - Sally Woodworth restated that the Book Pages donation by Friends to the Library has increased from \$324/year to \$348/year, and a motion was made by Judy Baldwin to continue to support this. She suggested perhaps making a move to solicit donations from other sources. The motion was Seconded by Sally Woodworth, and all were in favor.
- Adult Winter Reading Challenge February 3 through April 24 – Jackie Volk has asked Medora MacKinnon to assist her with this. Forms and reading lists will be available by February 3.
- Movie at the Library Wednesday March 18 at 2:00 pm. Several Oscar Winning Movies based on Books were presented including *Forrest Gump*, *Amadeus*, *The Sting*, *From Here to Eternity*, *How Green was My Valley*. Jackie Volk, President, pointed out that voting by library patrons raised \$100 last year.
- Recognition of National Library Workers Day on Tuesday, April 14. Jackie Volk presented some basket choices of snacks, and Connie Rosenberry made a motion to purchase a dried fruit and nuts basket, motion seconded and all in favor. Robert Harford offered to donate a large tin of Walker's Shortbread Biscuits.
- Purchase of Books for Children's Dr. Seuss Birthday Storytime in March – A Motion made by Barbara Hale and seconded by Connie Rosenberry to purchase additional Cat in The Hat books, for a total of 25, in order to provide at least one per family attending. Motion Passed.
- Community Read book discussion April 24 – Of the four books presented, All Over but the Shoutin' by Rick Bragg and The Library Book by Susan Orleans are considered to be good possibilities.
- May Bake Sale on Thursday, May 7. Sally Woodworth volunteered to chair both Bake Sales in 2020 but requested help.
- Little Free Library Locations and Contributions – These locations are at Meeks Park, Ingles, and the U. S. Post Office. Judy Baldwin and Connie Rosenberry will find paperback books, put FOUCL stickers on them, and deliver to the boxes, 15 books/5 per box.
- Everything Christmas Sale – Leadership Positions Needed: Setup and Breakdown Manager, Donation and Pricing Coordinator, Publicity Facilitator, and Volunteer Organizer. Jackie Volk, President, volunteered for Publicity with Sally Woodworth to head up Organization. Agreement was made that Donation and Pricing seems to be the biggest job. Suggestion made to set up ending hours of the sale to coincide with the hours of charitable recipients.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Submitted by Nancy Bryant, Secretary FOUCL