

Friends of Union County Library

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2024

Present: Sally Woodworth, Kathy Lawrence, Pam Ippolito, Lauren Burgreen, Judy Baldwin, Barbara Hale, Sally Hess, Jackie Volk, Karen Cassity, Roslyn Wise Joan Dorogi, Debora Quigley, Joy Wilson.

Meeting called to order at 1PM by Judy Baldwin, past President filling in for Jackie Volk.

Members introduced themselves.

Minutes of the November 15, 2023 meeting approved as written.

Treasurer's Report (Debora Quigley) – Total Assets: \$57,095.27. Last year at this time we had \$53,000.00. Last year our net income was \$4,725.72. This year net income was \$3,275.10 which includes Christmas Sale, corporate donations and office supplies. We have a CD coming up February 20. A motion was made and seconded to roll it over. Another CD is coming up in July. Debora suggested we keep it where it is. A motion was made and seconded that our treasurer has the authority to roll CD over when it comes due without bringing it before the group.

Librarian's Report- Marlene not present due to a Library class but left a report which Judy read which detailed the events and programs recently held at the library. Marlene mentioned the success of our Christmas sale and their winter book sale. The Friends donated a popcorn machine and popcorn to the library.

Membership Report - Debora Quigley, Sally Woodworth, Lauren Burgeen, Ellen Garber & Karen Cassity got together & sent out notices to our membership that it is time to renew memberships. We had 124 members in 2023. We took in \$3,048. It's usually \$4,000 so we are close to our target.

Newsletter: Our newsletter is published quarterly after our meeting. We are to send event pictures to Connie Rosenberry for the newsletter.

Facebook Administrator: Karen Cassity volunteered for the position. She will contact Susie for advice on how to do that.

Webmaster: No report -Webmaster absent

Events: New committee formed with five members. Karen Cassidy chairperson. Main focus will be on adult programming, promotion of new and current programs, and growing FOUCL membership. They will meet monthly.

Old Business:

Staff Christmas gift cards for \$25 were given to staff with a nice card. They expressed their appreciation.

FOUCL Christmas Party: held at Vincent's for members and guests.

Story time Christmas Book Donation: Friends presented the holiday books to the young children and their families during the Polar Express Event. The event was for home schoolers.

It was suggested children come in pjs and they did. Shauni, the Youth Services Coordinator, who was reading the story also came in pjs. Fun for all.

New Business:

Jackie Volk officially retired.

Interim leadership plan with Judy & Sally and officer succession presented. Motion for Interim FOUCL Leadership and the succession of officers for 2024 was made and seconded.

National Library Worker's Day, Tuesday, April 9 – Karen Cassitty's Events Committee will take care of Library Day & purchasing \$25 gift item for the library staff, there are 8 people on staff.

Mother's Day Bake Sale – Friday, May 10. On Thursday from 2-5 we will set up the room & receive donations. Bake anything you want, or if you don't want to bake, you can make a donation; store bought items are not encouraged.

New Events for the calendar:

- Membership Drive at the library during the month of February.
- Poetry Lover's National Poetry Month celebrated on Saturday, April 6, 11 AM to 1 PM in the Community Room.
- Afternoon Tea with Hats & Scones including a lecture on hats and a hat contest April 27, time to be announced.

Brainstorming Session: notes from the 11/15/2023 session are attached to these minutes.

Key to Friend's Room and PO Box: For event volunteers and members needing access to the Friend's room, information was given about the location of the door key, green vests and name tags. Designated officers have keys to the post office box.

Meeting adjourned at 2 pm.

Next meeting is April 17, 2024 at 1 pm in the Community Room at the Union County Public Library.

Minutes prepared by
Joy Wilson
Secretary