

Friends of the Russell Library Minutes
Executive Committee Meeting
February 1, 2024
Russell Library Annex Building

Present: Sandy Becker, Barrie Robbins-Pianka, Makiko Shinjo, Laura Taft, Cathy Boone,
Tisha Ferguson (phone)
Recorder: Tisha Ferguson

Call to Order

Approval of agenda, with additions

Approval of January 2024 minutes

President's Report

- Request for Friends to participate in this year's Pridefest from library staff (Brandi); Sandy to forward email to Exec. Committee and contact her for more information
- Discussion need for new member of Finance Committee, possible candidates. Note that library staff may be invited to meetings as appropriate. Laura to send query to membership using current list from Mack.
- Request for library's 'wish list' of projects for Friends annual donation
- Confirmed 2024 book sale dates: April 5-6, June 14-15-16, September 6-7.
- Discussion of Friends' Annual Meeting schedule TBA, mid-week in June, date depending on library's Board meeting and downtown classic car show. Ideas needed – how to increase turnout.

Treasurer's Report

- Somewhat light Book Nook income this month, possibly due to inclement weather
- Online sales were better
- Additional memberships (8)
- No expenses to report

Discussion and new business

- Discussion of additional ways to sell books online, including Amazon and Ebay. Monitoring of sites would be needed. Cost comparisons -TBA. Other considerations include: taking photos, rating condition of books, cost of shipping. Laura volunteered to test selling vintage children's books.
- Black History Month – special cart in Book Nook
- Shipping of online sale books- can Friends arrange for shipments to be picked up @ library? (Previously not possible.)

Move to Adjourn at 10:51 am; approved.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 7, 2024, 10:00 AM, Russell Library Annex Building

Respectfully submitted,

Tisha Ferguson