

Friends of the Russell Library Minutes
Executive Committee Meeting
March 7, 2024
Russell Library Annex Building

Present: Sandy Becker, Barrie Robbins-Pianka, Makiko Shinjo, Laura Taft, Tisha Ferguson
Recorder: Tisha Ferguson

Call to Order

Approval of agenda, with additions

Approval of February 2024 minutes, with updates

President's Report

- New Finance Committee member nominee, Sue Hamel, to be approved at Annual Meeting
- Finance Committee met via email. Discussion about library's annual funding wish list, expected to be on par with last year's request and contribution by the Friends. In future, a library staff member will be invited to attend the Finance Committee meetings, when appropriate.
- The Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2024. There will be a 15 or 20 minute business meeting, followed by a social hour with refreshments. This year, the meeting will be a celebration of the Friends, and will highlight library programs that have been supported by our funding. Speaker TBA. Several ideas were proposed, including a book give-away or raffle.
- The library will be giving out book coupons that patrons may use to purchase any book up to \$2.00 at either the April or June book sale.
- April Book Sale planning: Friday and Saturday only. Thursday setup will be followed by a Presale for Friends members and volunteers. Email invitations will be sent prior to the sale.

Treasurer's Report

- Book Nook sales have been declining somewhat over previous years.
- Current total income is on par with last year, including book sale income and online book sales.

Discussion and new business

- Pride Fest participation- invitation from Brandi, library staffer. Details TBA. Participation is to be by individuals, not formally as a group.
- Online book sales. Laura is planning to test sales on Ebay, and is gathering vintage children's books.
- Mal's books – perhaps could be sold on Ebay and well as on the 'vintage' cart at book sales. A designated box for Ebay sale books will be set up in the sorting room.
- Adelbrook, a new book shop that serves both as a retail shop and as an educational and training project for Adelbrook clients, was visited by Barrie. The Friends will donate books; suitable titles include 'prolific' authors, good condition 'yellow dot' books that would otherwise be barreled, children's books.

Move to Adjourn at 11:07 am.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 4, 2024, 10:00 AM, Russell Library Annex Building

Respectfully submitted,

Tisha Ferguson