

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

Present: Sandy Becker, Barrie Robbins-Pianka, Laura Taft,  
Makiko Shinjo, Cathy Boone  
Recorder: Laura Taft (in Tisha's absence)

Call to Order at 10:03 am

Approval of agenda with additions

Approval of October 2024 minutes with changes

**President's Report**

- Paving of the library side driveway is complete. Robb Evans is enjoying the smooth path to the bins.
- Ramona has not yet approved the future book sale dates that Sue Honer suggested we schedule so that she could make a bookmark that lists them. Sandy to follow up with Ramona.
- Robb Prchal memorial donation: donate using Friends funds? Or pool donations as individuals? Barrie suggested we've made similar donations with Friends funds in the past. Mack made a point that more recently we've pooled individual donations, and that if we use Friends funds, it may be confusing in the future about when/why we do it one way or the other. Vote was 4 in favor and 1 against using Friends funds to make a \$100 donation to Haddam Killingworth Little League in Robb's memory. Laura will send the check.
- Clarification: we had decided that the December 2024 sale will be a 3-day sale, not 2-day: December 6, 7, and 8. The sales in 2025 will all be 2-day sales: March 28 and 29, June 6 and 7, September 5 and 6, and December 5 and 6, 2025.

## Treasurer's Report

- Online sales (to buyback vendors) in October totaled \$259.01. Book Nook sales totaled \$497.91.
- Ebay: We've sold one children's book on eBay for a net profit of \$36.74.
- Barrie considered experimenting by setting up an Amazon seller's account as an individual and found the setup process to be complicated. Discussion of how time-consuming listing and selling large volumes of books on eBay (or Amazon) can be.
- CDs at Liberty Bank: Our 3-month CD (\$2000) is about to mature. Roll it over into another 3-month CD? Cathy proposed we add more money to it. Voted to add \$4000 to the \$2000 for a total of \$6000 in this CD. (The other 6-month CD (\$10,000) will mature in February.) Sandy will ask the Finance Committee to approve.

## Discussion and new business

- Cathy raised questions about the emergency contact forms the Library asked sorters to fill out. Is the info being used for official "background checks"? She voiced concerns about the transparency of how the info will be used.
- Barrie would like to request that Library employees including those in the basement wear badges at all times. Sandy said Ramona has mentioned working on this and reminding them to do so.
- Mack is preparing the membership renewal mailing; will go out on November 14.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mack at 10:50 AM.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 5, 2024, 10:00 AM,  
Russell Library Annex Building

Respectfully  
submitted,

Laura Taft