

MFRL Friends of The Library

Minutes June 20, 2023

Members attending the meeting were: Ellen, Brenda, Judy, Lynn, and Katrina

Agenda:

- The meeting was opened by Ellen and the agenda was approved with no additions.

Minutes:

- Correction to last month's minutes: Item #6 Maureen and Ellen Hall are in charge of finding 56 people to help with garden tour.
- Minutes approved with this correction

Treasurer Report:

Highlights given by Brenda

Profit/Loss:

- Membership dollars are down through June 15 compared to last year.
- Interest (\$1.04) on Profit/Loss statement does not include interest on the CDs
- Book sales ((\$8,478) are doing great, this month there was fairly large internet sales (\$650)
- Garden Tour donations are up from budgeted. Ticket sales are doing well \$10 over budget so far). Online has sold \$120 of tickets.
- Income total has been \$13,678 to date.
- Garden tour expenses – are paid after the tour, so are not listed yet. Ellen did buy 7 signs and then purchased additional so that signage was visible front and back. She also purchased signs for each library to advertise the tour/ticket availability at the libraries. Expenses not turned in yet
- Group discussed possible options to conserve signs and reuse next year. (Velcro on main sign and can Velcro sponsors to main signs?)
- Other expense have been minimal – coffee mainly and it has been on track with budgeted.
- Net income = \$ 11, 742

Balance Sheet:

- New CD purchased \$12,000 for 13 months at 4%
- Current CD due Aug 1 is 1%
- A bit over \$20,000 in the checking account. Total current assets = \$48,454

Member Report

Highlights given by Katrina

- Katrina changed what was being included in the member count – since several people are in 2 or more categories. She has a list with who is being counted in which list. I.e, a person may be an individual but may be a Foundation and also in Floyd -which category are they being counted in – without inflating the member numbers. She went back and redid April report and June report (May had not changed much – membership forms were not available until day before the May meeting.)
- Also, now counting Members (Individuals and Family), Business, Foundation and Floyd in the Count. (top line of report). Breakdown of categories follow.
- New member count is 145, 17 over April. & new families, 8 individuals, 2 more Floyd.
- Ellen to try to get a precovid report of memberships for Katrina.

Book Sales

Highlights given by Judy

- Blacksburg has average of \$154/mo for book sales
- They have started their half-price sale – it started last Thursday and has already made \$190.

Garden Tour

Highlights by Lynn

- They are still working on Hospitality, They did get a few more restaurants to provide a tray.
- Ellen is working to get volunteers at each garden. 7 gardens with volunteers doing 2 hour shifts. She finished talking to everyone from last year. She still needs a few more people. Katrina and Brenda gave her the name of a new member that wanted to work on the Garden Tour.
- Ellen with be moving from garden to garden throughout the day to make sure things are going smoothly. There are many new volunteers. Trying to pair an experience person with an inexperienced one.
- There will be instructions for the volunteers. Lynn to get Ellen last year's instructions.
- Sue is to send the list from Online sales on Friday (cutoff for online sales 3 PM on Friday?) The online names will be included in the instructions to the volunteers.
- Lynn and Brenda will get change for the ticket sales on site.

Newsletter

Highlights given by Ellen

- The newsletter is ready. Ellen and Danielle have made corrections.

The next meeting is August 15. 3:00 in Meadowbrook

The meeting was moved to be adjourned and seconded. Meeting was adjourned.