

Friends of the Davis Public Library Meeting October 9, 2012

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FRIENDS OF THE DAVIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Meeting of October 9, 2012

PRESENT: Pat Bassett, Vice President; Nancy Taylor, Secretary; Alexia Currie, Treasurer; Jean Kelly, Member-at-Large; Sally Ripley, Membership/Advertising Chair; Ginger Saleski, Trustee; Sarah Galligan, Librarian.

EXCUSED: Angel Nicoletti, President; Paul Krampfert, Friend.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Vice President Pat Bassett.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting of September 11, 2012, were accepted as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report was presented showing income of \$50, expenses of \$765.56, and an ending balance of \$14,371.48. The report was accepted.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: It was reported that 52 members have paid a total of \$1,625 in dues for the current fiscal year.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Sarah reported on the following:

- Library usage for the past month as follows: patrons – 191, items taken out – 204, computer use – 68, new patrons- 4, book club – 5, museum passes – 2.
- DVDs have been purchased and are being checked out. Some of the new ones are coming back scratched. She purchased a cleaning solution and is trying that but it won't fix bad scratching. There was discussion about the possibility of using DVD cleaning equipment at other libraries.
- Assistant: Lauren, the new assistant, has been trained and has started working.
- Plans, Ideas, and Wish List:
 - Globe: Would like to have a world globe to use, especially for children. Can the Friends purchase one?
 - Prize lottery: Would like to start giving out a ticket to patrons when they return a book on time and then have a monthly drawing for small prizes, one for children and one for adults. Can the Friends purchase the prizes?
 - Outdoor movies in the summer a possibility.

- Kevin Gardner, stonewall builder, sent some info to the library about his talk on building stonewalls (Kevin was scheduled to give his presentation at the Hancock Library this week). It was moved, seconded, and agreed to contact Mr. Gardner and see if he is available to speak in late November or early December. Lexie will contact him.
- IPad: Lexie made the suggestion that the Friends purchase one or more iPads to be kept at the library for patrons to use to access the internet. Ginger will bring this up at the trustees' meeting. Sarah will do some research on iPads.

NEW AND OLD BUSINESS:

Fundraising: We decided to postpone any type of raffle at this time because there are so many raffles being held in Stoddard right now. We might do a raffle next summer so we can sell the tickets during the annual book sale. It was also felt that we currently have enough in our account to be able to support the library in many ways and that further fund raising isn't really necessary at this time.

Book Pal Program: Laura White was at the book club meeting in October and she told Lexie that she wanted to do the program at the same timeframe it was done last year (after the new year).

Halloween: Candy will be given out at the library on Halloween night

from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm by Sarah and Lauren (Sarah will take pictures). Ginger will contact Arlene DiCorcia to see if she would be willing to do it again. Lexie will purchase and deliver the candy and deliver it to the library that evening. Sally will do posters.

Hours sign: The Friday hours sign has been made and is now hanging on the old sign.

Books for Stoddard Newborns: **Books** will be given to Stoddard newborns again this year. Pat Bassett will get a list of names of addresses and Lexie will purchase and mail out the books.

Museum passes: It was agreed to renew the museum passes when they expire. Lexie reported that she contacted the new Cheshire Children's Museum in Keene about library passes and was told they are considering it and will get back to her. It was also suggested that we give a donation to that museum in January.

Book storage: Paul Krampfert has been graciously taking donated books over to the big storage trailer behind the Town Hall. He reported that getting into that unit is difficult and that he, therefore, prefers to take several boxes at a time. However, there is no room at the library to house more than two or three boxes. So Paul will be storing a few boxes at a time in his own garage before taking them to

the trailer. The basement at the Gould House is being completed and we will soon (hopefully) be able to store our books there. There was discussion about humidity problems and the Friends would be amenable to purchasing a dehumidifier if one can easily be set up in the basement.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on November 13, 2012, at 2 pm. Nancy will send out email reminders prior to the meeting.

Nancy Taylor

Secretary