

Friends of the Davis Public Library
Minutes of the September 8th Meeting

In attendance: President; Angel Nicoletti, Vice President; Dave Fernald, Treasurer; Alexia Currie, Secretary; Carol Knutson, Library Director; Lauren Rettig. Also present: Geri Bailey, Sally Ripley, Dick and Frankie Scofield, and Ginger Saleski.

1. **Meeting was called to order at 2:00pm.** The meeting was held in the Town Hall due to renovations at the Library.
2. **New Board Members welcomed:** Dave Fernald as Vice President, Carol Knutson as Secretary.
3. **Librarian's Report:** Lauren reported 401 Patrons for August (up from 306 in 2014), Items 202, Computer sign-ons 91, New 7. The STEEM program was a success with 12 children attending. Lauren reported that she will need help to move items currently being stored (children's room books and furniture), out of the rented unit to make space for the furniture that needs storage during the floor installation. She will send out the dates, but anticipates that it will be later in September. Dick offered that Paul Krampfert is willing to help.
4. **Minutes from the July Meeting** were accepted as Presented.
Highlights included: the cupcake festival was a big hit with \$ 100 deliciously raised. 42 children participated in the summer reading program.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Lexie's report was accepted as presented
6. **Membership:** Since July 1st there are 21 members.
7. **Addition Update:** Angel reported that things are coming along nicely. The electrical work and drywall are going on right now. There was discussion about getting a new sign as the current glassed in sign leaks. Lexie suggested that the Library Friends fund pay for the new signage which may cost around \$ 1000. Sally suggested that the wire might be used to hang a banner.
8. **Capital Campaign Update:** Lexie and Angel will send out letters thanking donors and stating exact amounts given. Frankie sent a thank you letter to Wragg Brothers for the in-kind donation of work on the well. A list of potential donors to contact has been created and Dave F., Geri and Lexie will make visits to these potential donors. A practice "run" of the presentation will be made to Ginger this afternoon. Geri has

created a very lovely and professional booklet about the Davis Library which includes its history, programs, and photos to share with donors. It gives information about what has been raised to date and the funding sources already in place. Some additional grants to apply for include the "Best Small Library in America" grant which is from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The top award is \$ 20,000., and the second prize is \$10,000. A grant through the Kingsbury Foundation will also be applied for.

9. **Tag Sale this Year?** A brief discussion on the merits of holding a yard sale ensued. Dick motioned that no tag sale be held and it was heartily seconded by several members. It was noted that the yard sale is a lot of work relative to the amount of money typically raised.
10. **Other Business:** Book Pal Program - Angel contacted Amanda Bridges (a teacher at James Faulkner Elementary School), about the Book Pal Program. There are 27 students in grades 4 and 5 who would participate. There was some discussion on when to begin the program and where to hold the final "meeting" of the Pals. It is time to start thinking about what book to read this year. The meeting ended with discussion on doing some sort of recognition for Richard Whitney by the Library or by the Town of Stoddard.
- 11* ***Appreciation for Departing Board Members:*** *A post meeting proposal to provide gift certificates for outgoing members: Pat Bassett, Jean Kelly and Nancy Taylor was made. Angel motioned that \$ 25. gift certificates to acknowledge the years of work by Pat, Jean and Nancy be given, Dick S. seconded the motion. Lexie will get the gift cards and write the notes.*

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting is October 13th

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Knutson