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Ephraim Library Committee May 8, 2017

PRESENT: Diane Kirkland, Grace Held, Anne Van de Ven, Windsor McCutcheon, Cindy Nelson and Mary Sawyer, Librarian

Meeting was called to order at 3:50 p.m. Last minutes were passed as written, no visitors to comment.

Treasurer's Report

There was no activity to report since we met. We have \$3,058.46 in checking, \$18,446.67 at Luxemburg (with \$2.13 interest). Motion **to accept the Treasurer's Report** by Held, second Nelson, all ayes.

Librarian's Report

Wall Street Journal; create a new account to be delivered to the Library, \$12. Mary recommended the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel for 6 months at \$14 per month. Motion by McCutcheon, 2nd by Van de Ven **to accept these recommendations**. All ayes.

Mary asked about getting a debit card for the Library, especially for internet purchases that are billed monthly like the above. McCutcheon suggested auto withdrawal from checking and will work with Mary to set up.

Mary asked about shifting open hours in winter – adding two hours to Thursdays (since we are the only branch open) and taking 1 each from Monday and Saturday. Everyone felt that would be a good idea; Mary will do a Library survey to get other opinions; motion by McCutcheon **to shift the hours as discussed**; seconded by Held, all ayes.

Mary reported meeting the new Library Director, Tina Kakuske. She has a background in music and also was involved with adult programming and circulation at the Beloit Library; she had administrative experience.

Mary mentioned a possible fundraiser in the fall, with old photos from the Library when it was in the basement and Verra Sauer was Librarian; perhaps a special or speaker panel (Linda Carey, Sally Jacobson?) about the “old days.” Committee liked the idea.

Mary asked about the donation Jane Olson left to the Library—almost \$13,000. Should we get a bike rack (one might be in the basement), do “fairy lights” on the trees, a mural in the book drop area and turn that into a better kids’ play area, or chairs outside? Discussed wood Adirondack chairs, perhaps 3 chairs and an end table. Windsor will follow up on this. Mary also mentioned a “maker lab” in the kids’ play area—3d printer, doodle pens or ?? Perhaps a combo of the above. On the mural, Kirkland could put in her column they are looking for artists; before that, however, we’ll look at Stickles at the next meeting.

McCutcheon noted that one of the four Child’s Play programs will be at the Library—should we look for lawn games to use? Could use Cherry funds for sale.

Old Business

Fyr Bal Book Sale – Mary said she has a volunteer sign-up sheet there and really needs cashiers this year. We have a basement full of books with a good mix. Mary's going to be at a wedding on Fyr Bal Saturday, so she will find a substitute for when the Library's open.

Windsor will set up more definitive shifts and make sure people don't over-stay so those who show up for their shifts can work. They will check in with her, get their name tags (Kirkland will print the coupons and name tags this year). Discussed that the "black dot" books mean they weren't sold last year, so they'll be separated at the end of this book sale. No books will be marked this year. Windsor will look into cash box purchase.

Everyone will show up on Friday, June 16 at 1:30 pm to help set up the tent.

Bake Sale – new this year, Grace and Cindy will be in charge. Decaf and regular coffee available – 30 cup and 50 cup pots (Cindy and Windsor). Diane K will make scones, Anne Van deVen muffins or scones, Grace muffins, Windsor breads, and Mary cookies...about 2 dozen each. Wrap each individually and clearly label if it's gluten free or if something has nuts! Need a cloth for the picnic table.

Windsor will get 8 oz. cups and lids at Costco. We have stir sticks and sugars, also need creamer. Perhaps start the coffee at home because it might take an hour for it to perk. Arrive for Fyr Bal at 7:30 a.m. Kirkland will do a few signs for \$1 each for baked goods and coffee. Need another cash box? Hopefully the maintenance guys will help again with the tables from the basement.

Library Survey Results – none heard so far. Mary will follow up for next meeting, which will be June 12 at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diane Kirkland". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

Diane Kirkland, Secretary