

Library Committee

July 9, 2018

PRESENT: CINDY NELSON, Chair; GRACE HELD, DIANE KIRKLAND, WINDSOR McCUTCHEON, ANNE VAN DE VEN; MARY SAWYER, Librarian

GUESTS: LANE SAUVE, EBC; TANK SHOLEM

Cindy Nelson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Motion **to approve previous minutes** by Grace Held, second McCutcheon, all ayes.

Treasurer/Book Sale Report

The balance in checking at the end of May was \$1,929.03. We paid deposit on Hall rental, subscription to Wall St. Journal and Fire Department for volunteers' lunch – We took in \$1360.98 plus a \$250 donation at the Book Sale and \$93 at the Bake Sale...amazing considering it was a downpour and ended early. Net on the book sale was \$1,337.98.

Luxemburg (Cherry) account has \$18,498.80 as of 5/31/18. Motion **to approve the Treasurer's Report** by Kirkland, seconded by Nelson, all ayes.

Suggestions for the book sale that McCutcheon heard were starting the bake sale later than 8 a.m.; discussed and decided to keep at 8 a.m. Sold more coffee than in previous years. Have to be open in the Library by 7 a.m. because it takes that long to brew the coffee.

Specialty books should already be on a cart in the Library, ready to roll out. Also, on the laminated price sheets, Windsor will add "Make checks payable to Friends of the Ephraim Library."

Discussed the end-of-sale sorting—Mary felt there are usually only 3-4 boxes left. Whether they should go to Bargains, recycling, or Scand (Windsor will ask Scand what they can USE, as Cindy pointed out we don't want to pass along a task to Scand or Bargains—should only give them what's useful).

Should we consider an alternate site if we have this bad of weather again, determined the night before? Basement too damp and icky. Discussed getting another tent and more tables so we could keep boxes off the ground, and perhaps a small tent for the bake sale, 10x10. We have the money to do both. Cindy Nelson will measure the space to see if we have room for another 10x20 tent.

Anne Van De Ven noted two people were disappointed we didn't have magazines; Mary said there are always some free magazines in the Library, but she'd point them to Sister Bay or Sturgeon Bay where they do sell them at their sales.

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Librarian's Report

Child's Play last Thursday was the first of the season – 9 kids plus parents. This Thursday is "musical animals." People should RSVP. Mary noted that the Door Folk Alliance will play in the Hall at 6 pm on July 26.

Mary noted the Ephraim stickers are paid for; she's waiting for the new desk and bill in Sept. She will give a copy of Jane Olson's memorial funds to Windsor after the meeting. She noted that the FIKA gatherings are cancelled—not enough interest right now. Motion by McCutcheon **to accept the Librarian's report**; seconded by Van de Ven, all ayes.

Old Business

Library Sale Tents – pretty much discussed already. We will look at tables once we determine any new tent. The Hall always has 2 extras we can use.

Staying longer on the honor system – Noted that last year the books were left out to be purchased on Sunday and people put money through the book slot – almost \$700! The tents would need to be taken down on Sunday midday– that can be added to the volunteer opportunity list. Grace will check with the Village to okay it officially for future years. Noted that all the volunteers were excellent this year!

Use of Cherry funds – Tank Sholem was here to talk about Martha and Phil and their love of Ephraim and the frugality that allowed them to give so much back to Ephraim. Martha entrusted O.C. Boldt, Wolfram Fliegel and Tank to distribute the funds as they saw fit, based just on her wishes that she wanted to “give back to Ephraim.” It took 2 years to liquidate/sell the property and distribute the funds. The Library received \$20,000 and although we've used some for programs and art books, with interest we're still almost at \$18,500.

Tank felt Martha would prefer funds go for capital items and things that are not normal operating expenses. He asked how much the Library system gives Ephraim for books—per Mary, it's only about \$600 or \$700 per year (based on population and circulation), and Tank wanted to make sure that the system wouldn't cut back on Ephraim's funding if they knew Martha's funds were being used for things. No, they wouldn't, was the answer. McCutcheon noted that expenditures from that fund are always a Committee decision, which Tank approved of. These minutes will reflect Martha's wishes for future Committees so that her funds aren't being spent for ordinary expenditures or repairs. Discussed getting a picture of Martha Cherry for our “history wall” as well. Tank told the Committee members, some of which had never met Martha or Phil, some stories and their lives here.

Next meeting will be September 4 at 2 p.m., covering Objectives 2 and 3 in our long-range plan. In the meanwhile, Mary's two brothers will haul the moldy books to recycling from the basement. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 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 printed name.

Diane Kirkland, Secretary