

FRIENDS OF THE CONWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
July 16, 2014

Present: Pat Hoffman, Eileen Brochu, Carol Saunders, Connie Brown, Shirley Young, Anne Smith, Marcia Cohl, Susan Pfeil, Betty Parker, Amy Snow, Cynthia Melendy.

Anne Smith called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.

Pat Hoffman, with Eileen Brochu seconding, nominated Cynthia Melendy as a member of the Friends and to serve on the Board. It was unanimously approved.

Secretary's Report: The June meeting minutes were unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Amy Snow submitted a financial report for May & June, which was unanimously accepted. Amy reported that the book account is over spent by \$900+ currently, but that's not a bad thing. She also suggested that the membership duties should be a separate function, which the Treasurer position shouldn't be asked to do. She has resigned the Treasurer position as of July 31st and as a member of the Board but will remain a member of the Friends. We thank Amy VERY MUCH for all her hard work the past few years as our Treasurer. Amy suggested one of the bank employees could be approached to serve as Treasurer as they need to volunteer their time with local nonprofits.

Library Report: Betty Parker reported the Summer Reading Program is going really well and 200 have signed up for it. 80 people have signed up for the online reading log & reviews. Betty presented an invoice for \$200 from Olga for the 1 Book 1 Valley Humanities Program, which is a storyteller, Jo Radner. This is an adjunct program. We asked Betty to have Olga explain in more detail what this is.

Trustee Report: We need a new Friends volunteer to attend these meetings.

Business:

The 99 Restaurant "Dining for a Cause" fundraiser was a success raising the Friends \$220, minus \$36 for advertising, for a net profit of \$184. Good for not much work! Susan Pfeil will send a thank you note to their manager, Kevin.

The Friends brochure has been redesigned and is being used by Betty P already.

Raffle Baskets: Marcia Cohl reported Shaw's day on July 12th was not as busy as last year on July 4th weekend. We made approx. \$150 on tickets, which is \$100 less than last year. Shaws also divided up the tables of baskets, which made it much harder. We definitely need more volunteers for an AM & PM crew to work on this day next year. Should we book the 2015 4th of July weekend with Shaws now? Discuss in Aug.

Marcia will be selling raffle tickets on book sale day. Betty will record the raffle basket winners & Shirley Young will call all the winners.

Book Sale: Anne Smith reviewed last year's summary for book sale issues. Eileen Brochu says she's in pretty good shape for all the volunteers needed and all the books have been sorted and boxed already! This is a great help for set up day. We decided not to empty the Book Nook shelves but have signs and tell people there are more books for sale on these bookshelves. We will use wooden signs that Bill Brochu has made for the categories on book tables...thanks to all our volunteers. Betty P. has done the ad for the Conway Sun.

Betty Parker gave us a sample of the committee list to review and discuss after our annual meeting.

Connie Brown suggested sponsoring an event for other local "Friends" of libraries. It would be a great way to network with other Friend members. Pat Hoffman volunteered to work with Connie on this idea.

Shirley Young brought up the need for funding for the gardens. Betty Parker suggested getting info/quotes from landscapers on what should be done, also the UNH Cooperative Extension. She will look for a paper plan of the plantings that she knows is around somewhere.

Susan Pfeil suggested we should discuss during a future meeting ways to enlarge the Friends membership and use current members in more involved ways to help the Board.

We are still searching for a new Treasurer.... Please keep this in mind!

Meeting was adjourned at 5:14 pm

[Important Dates to Remember:](#)

- Annual summer book sale: [Sat. July 26th](#)
- Next Friends meeting: [August 20th at 4 pm](#)
- Annual meeting: [Wednesday, Sept. 17th](#)

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pfeil, Secretary