

Friends Of Oskaloosa Library FOOLs Minutes  
Unapproved – to be reviewed and approved at next meeting

Date: March 13, 2024

Location: Oskaloosa Public Library, 5:15 pm

Meeting Called to Order 5:18 pm

The January Meeting Notes were approved.

#### Officers and Members Present

President Margaret Fast, Secretary Carol Snyder, Treasurer by Proxy Carol Snyder, Library Director Sammy Smith, Members: Cheryl Sylvester, Jeniffer Trowbridge, Wayne Sylvester.

#### Treasurer's Report

Margaret read the report that Melinda sent to Carol.

Current bank balance is \$8,626.66.

Recent deposits reflect \$50 donation, \$584.50 proceeds from Sweets for Treats bake sale, and \$275.00 Bookstore activity.

#### Library Board of Trustees Report

Kim Smith was anticipated, but unable to attend.

#### New Business

Sammy and Margaret met to discuss library needs and wants and how they could be implemented through a Friends of Kansas Libraries Challenge Grant of up to \$500. Goal is to submit the grant by end of March. Several FOOLs will proofread.

Updating, modernizing, and special displays in the Children's and Young Adult areas met with consensus as an ideal bridge project leading to expansion possibilities and future growth. There will also be an Emphasis on Teen and Young Adult readers.

Sammy has met with a local contractor about combining new construction shelving, other library's surplus, and repurposing current items to accomplish a modern, more inviting look. The contractor quickly responded with a bid of \$800. Margaret noted that the bake sale funds, along with Grant money would be offered for the building improvements. The group agreed.

Margaret, Cheryl, and Sammy discussed some of the particulars of the grant such as wording, budgeting, and long-term library planning. Publicity of the remodel, introducing new Children's Librarian Shelby, and an Open House will be planned. Timeline for remodeling completion is before Summer Reading begins in June.

## Previous Business

Finalizing the Plant Sale.

The Annual FOOLs Plant Sale will be April 12-13, 9-5 Friday, 9-12 on Saturday. Scheduled to work... Melinda on Saturday morning, Carol later Saturday and Friday during library work hours, Margaret is available all-day Friday. We will be needing more volunteers to help during the sale hours.

Margaret will make a flyer advertisement. Cheryl mentioned contacting the Chamber of Commerce for advertising.

Focus of this sale is for Summer Reading Activities, and possible book purchases for the new display shelving.

The success of the Little Free Libraries was discussed and if usage was measurable. All agreed the Free Libraries are actively in use with patron trading and bookstore supply.

## Library Director Report

Sammy listed opportunities and events for FOOLs help.

- Summer Reading “Find Adventure at Your Library” kicks off on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Sammy is lining up an outdoor family Field to Fork fishing activity through K State Extension.

End of Summer Reading party – at the park & pool July 13 with picnic foods and swimming.

- Old Settlers Reunion Days June 20 – 22<sup>nd</sup> – Library float/wagon in the parade, free water from the Board, Book Fool sale in front of the library with sign-up for FOOLs membership.

- Carol mentioned the old film by Paul Gump and Roger Barker, Oskie in 1972, might draw in people to the library to watch.

- New this year - Collaboration with school and library and businesses for family fun nights.

## Next Meeting

FOOLs will meet Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm at the library to plan for Old Settlers and Summer Reading help.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm. Carol motioned to adjourn the meeting with Jen seconding.