

FRIENDS OF THE ALPINE PUBLIC LIBRARY

MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2014

AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room

Present: Linda Bryant, presiding; Karen Boyd, Don Wetterauer, Paige Delaney, Pat McCall, Kathy Donnell, Marilyn Terry, Betty Fitzgerald, Diane Brown, Bennye Meredith, Audrey Painter, and Jana Lang

Linda called the meeting to order at noon. The minutes of the July 8, 2014, meeting were approved as distributed.

President's Report

We have received thanks for the books which were given to a school in Mexico. We may need cakes for a hump day luncheon in September.

Director's Report

Paige said she had raised half of money needed for the Family Leadership Institute to be held from October to April one Saturday morning per month. From 25 to 40 people will be involved, and volunteers will be needed for child care and luncheon preparation. A core committee of Karen, Marilyn, Pat, and Linda will set up what is needed for the Institute. The money will be go to the Educational Achievement Service, which will run the event. Other cities have reported increased test scores for students.

The front desk is in need of volunteers.

RR ideas: have a sale of old T-shirts and get some new ones, selling sodas, mouse pads, glasses cleaners, and bandanas. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to order red bandanas with white barbed wire edge and library logo. T-shirt activity will be as mentioned.

Financial Report

Don reported that net Income June–August was \$5,794.61, of which \$1,474.15 was memberships thanks in large part to Stacey sending mailers. Patron count and income were both down during August.

Re-Reads

The online inventory should be done by the end of September. The buy a bag sale will continue during the **second full week of each month** and has included about 8 boxes of books reduced to about 3 boxes at the end of each sale. The 3 boxes go to recycle. The only books going to Better World Books are things we cannot sell in RR. The Pilot Club has requested books for unpaid caregivers, and it was decided to give a coupon good for books from Re-Reads. The sodas are selling and we are our own best customers.

Membership

Currently 109 members: 8 business; 11 best friends (some overlap with business); 8 with 100+ volunteer hours; rest are regular members.

Unfinished Business

Linda said the interest in Rare and Unusual books has been minimal and they will be placed in the glass case in RR.

Mountain Country Christmas application to be processed and our location is set. It will be December 5 & 6.

Marilyn will continue to chair the Center for Big Bend Studies sale, November 7 & 8. Two tables will be reserved.

New Business:

Linda suggested that the Friends host a Chamber mixer. It was moved and approved to ask for the first available date and to use it to kick off a push for selling bricks (\$100). Music and beer will be provided and we will provide other needs. Probably about 40 attendees.

Abell-Hanger will provide a matching grant up to \$9,000 by the end of January 2015. We have 5 months to raise \$6,300. Persons who increase the amount of their last donation will have the amount of the increase count toward the match.

Art Walk is November 22 & 23 and has a chair and assistant chair and someone interested in next year. Linda will check on the availability of auction sponsor for next year. Not to be listed as the last library auction. Needed are volunteers for set up, sale days, and take down. Donations are needed for the beer and wine wheelbarrows. The suggestion of a mystery package including items not valued high enough for bidding and guaranteed to be a certain value was positively received. Sign up to begin at the next meeting.

Other Business

Pat requested bilingual books up to grade 12 to go to Boquillas, Mexico.

A garage sale will be held twice a year.

Fund-raising possibilities: Pat showed handmade mice ornaments that have sold for \$15 each, can be preordered for the next year, one unique ornament raffled, all of which proved to be good fund raiser for a church she formerly attended. It was moved, seconded, and approved to make mice. Pat will chair the project, gather materials, and schedule a work party.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be October 7, 2014, at noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Boyd
Secretary pro tem