

FRIENDS OF THE ALPINE PUBLIC LIBRARY

MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2014

AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room

Present: Linda Bryant presiding, Kathy Donnell, Diane Brown, Karen Boyd, Don Wetterauer, Pat McCall, Gwynn Jamieson, Marilyn Terry, Audrey Painter, Joan Wilhoit.

Linda called the meeting to order at noon. The minutes of the October 7, 2014, meeting were approved as distributed.

Reports

Director's Report

There was no report since Paige had jury duty.

Financial Report

Don reported that net income for September was \$1,435.98. Total income was \$1,545.98, with \$110.00 expenses for coffee and Center for Big Bend Studies tables. Patron count was 1,109. We sold 5 pounds of coffee, 29 Coca-Cola products, 11 bags of pecans, and 3 bandanas.

Re-Reads

The online inventory is progressing and being used—a "down south" resident checked the Internet, drove 70 miles, and came to shop in RR. No one is buying from the rare and interesting books on the Web, so Linda will construct smaller lists and send them to more select book dealers. We charge about 60% of the ABE price for a comparable book plus shipping.

BOGO during the month of November will include Fill a Bag purchases. The next cola order will include Coke Zero.

Membership

Currently 129 members: 8 business; 11 best friends (some overlap with business); 8 with 100+ volunteer hours; rest are regular members. Stacey continues to handle renewals and send out membership materials.

Jail Outreach

Kathy Donnell continues but with the departure of Mary Jane Morgan, Judy Freeman will assist her.

Hospital

Diane distributes magazines once a month.

Unfinished Business

Linda asked for ideas to make the rare and interesting books more appealing to buyers.

Mountain Country Christmas will introduce mouse ornaments for the first time and give purchasers the opportunity to reserve a mouse for next year (a sample will be shown). Chances for the featured mouse of the year will be sold for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. We have 51 mice, and 25 are spoken for. Other items for sale at MCC include pecans, coffee, bandanas, and donations from Yarn Arts.

Hump Day Lunch. The next will be in January. Signup for 4 cakes will be at January 6 meeting. We have been making \$325-\$350 per event. Margaret does a nice job of decorating.

Staff Bonuses. It was moved and approved to give bonuses as last year and to give Paige the opportunity to adjust amounts. Don will distribute bonuses before Thanksgiving. 2013: Paige—\$600; Mary Beth—\$425; Cheryl—\$225; Nicole, Don, Christine—\$200; Yvonne and Scott—\$150; Melissa—\$75.

Center for Big Bend Studies (CBBS) sale earned \$876, including one 5-volume set for \$150.

Art Walk. Kathy D. reported that there would only be a silent auction plus 2 wheelbarrows (wine, beer) for raffle. Please bring the **white** copy of the donor form (with e-mail address) to the library for thank you notes. Donations can be received at the Granada on Thursday, 11/20, after 10, or, if need be, left at the library (Paige's office), Donors may specify a reserve price on valuable items. Discussion about items valued less than \$25—perhaps several together in a mystery box, or place in MCC, or put in patio sale.

New Business:

It was moved and approved to place one "A" leather child's chair with arms (from the old library, children's room) in the Silent Auction with a reserve price of \$50.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Boyd
Secretary pro tem