

Minutes of Friends of the Mary E. Tippitt Library

July 14, 2011

Judy Krueger, President, called the meeting of the Friends of the Library to order at 5:00 p.m. There were 9 members present: Bill Irby, Judy Krueger, Cam King, Ilene Rainwater, Blanie Scroggins, Sharon Cox, Vickie Mueller, Kathy Rudd, and Sue Ann Tippitt.

Minutes: Copies of the June 9, 2011 meeting were distributed and approved with no corrections.

New Officers: The new treasurer is Blanie Scroggins replacing Kay Tinsley and the new secretary is Sharon Cox replacing Bill Irby.

Treasurer's Report: Blanie Scroggins reported that she had deposited \$3,238.95 which brings the total balance to \$5,081.46. Vickie Mueller made a motion to donate \$3,000 to the library immediately and leave the balance in our account until we ascertain the money needed for the hamburger stand in September. Cam King seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Used Book Sale

- The group gave a special thanks to Carolyn and Read Franks and Sue Ann and Charles Tippitt for their many hours in helping make the book sale a success.
- Sue Ann reported Charles gratified about all the affirmations about the library he heard during this event
- Choice of date was a big plus
- Having Dr. Bass sign his book during this event was a good idea.
- Selling water did not go well. Sue Ann reported that we only sold ½ case.
- Charles and Sue Ann will give some of the leftover books to the Maryville Library to send to Georgia. They disposed of the books in bad condition.
- Thank you note was put in the Catholic Church bulletin for our use of their facility to sort books. Sue Ann and Judy Krueger cleaned the rooms we used.

Suggestions for next year

- ✓ Use boxes of more uniform size both for transporting and displaying
- ✓ Judy Krueger will ask her school for computer printing paper boxes and other members agreed to check with Staples for boxes.
- ✓ Cam King says she gets lots of boxes and will keep for next year.

Farewell/Retirement Party for Mary Newman

- The date -- Friday, August 26 from 5-7 p.m.
- Board will give Mary a gift but have asked the Friends to plan for the reception
- Group decided to advertise event in Maryville Paper, Blount Today, posting bulletins, etc.
- A committee to plan the event was formed. Sharon Cox will chair the committee. Those who will work with her are Judy Krueger, Sue Ann Tippitt, Cam King, Vickie Mueller, Donna Pabst, and Mary Dunlap.

New Business

Hamburger Booth – Friday September 23 and Saturday September 24

- Laurel Valley Country Club has volunteered to provide the hamburger in turn for having a sign that advertises their restaurant at our tent—Blanie will firm up this arrangement.
- It was agreed to also cook veggie burgers again.
- Cam passed around a sign up sheet to work at the event.
- Judy Krueger agreed to call Campbell about the tent.
- Those serving on the hamburger stand committee are Kathy Rudd, Cam King, Sue Ann Tippitt, Sharon Cox, Blanie Scroggins

Proposed Brainstorming session for Revenue Raising

- Library funds were cut 8%; Judy Krueger challenged group to think of some new fund raising ideas before the next meeting.
- She also asked the group to think of some ways to get the local businesses more involved.
- Judy thinks we need to take a positive stand on the cuts because the city's sales revenue is down.
- Sue Ann Tippitt reported that the library did get a PetWay grant of \$1,000 for the children's programs. Pam Hobby has agreed to work on some new grants.

Difficulty in finding New Librarian

- Discussion about some of the difficulties likely to develop in finding a replacement for Mary. Judy asked us to let Mary know if we know of any candidates.

With no further business, Vickie Mueller made a motion that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Cox, Secretary