

Friends of Robert Trail Library
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2018

1. **Treasurer's Report** - John Loch presented the final 2017 financial report. The 2017 beginning treasury balance was \$8203.41. Income for 2017 was \$8086.11. Expenses for the year were \$8672.81 leaving a year end balance of \$7616.71. A motion was made and seconded to approve the annual financial report as submitted. Dues for 2018 were collected at this time and will be reflected in next month's financial report.

2. **Old Business**

* Bird Feeder - The bird feeder has been installed and is presently being filled with bird seed by John/Ann as they have the opportunity.

* Fish Tank - Shalom reported the start up costs of a standard 55 gallon fish tank costs are between \$1200 - \$1500 and the monthly maintenance is \$85. Terry suggested the desired location in the library and would proceed with securing approval with the county. A motion was approved to fund this purchase for the library and dedicate funding for the monthly maintenance costs.

* Clock - Jo has agreed to search for an atomic clock, for the library, between 24 - 30 inches in diameter. Terry will then make arrangements for it to be installed.

* Artist Reception - John, Ann, and Jo represented the Friends at the reception in December for Red Pine Elementary students which was well attended.

* One Book - Terry reported on the progress of the selection of the title for this year's One Book Reading Program. It is unlikely that we will be able to host the author of which ever book is selected due to cost. He suggested that the Friends may wish to support programming activities with funding for this as opposed to the Lucky Books Program this year.

3. **New Business**

* Winter Baskets - Sue and Karol compiled all the gifts for the big white winter basket filled with a huge variety of items both edible and enjoyable. Thanks to those who donated additional items.

* Book Sale - The time frame for the Book Sale is from Sat., April 7 (if the library is available) to Sun., April 22 (if needed). Actual sale dates are April 16 - 21. At next month's meeting, we will plan for specific tasks such as signage, publicity, school reps, set up, and transfer of books. Everyone will need to sign up for tasks for the sale.

* January/February Newsletter - thanks to Jean for another great issue.

4. **Other**

* Staff treats - Jan - Mar/Jo, April - June/Jean, July - Sept/ Ann, Oct - Dec/Barb. If you have expenses, they will be reimbursed if receipts are submitted.

* Artist Reception - 2:00 - 3:00 P.M. on the following Sundays:

Jan. 7 - Jo, Feb. 4 - Karen, Mar. 4 - Sandy, Apr. 8 - Sue, May 6 - Autumn

* Reminder: FRTL New Author Event with Tim McDonald on Mon., Jan. 22 at 6:30.

We will be serving refreshments.

* Ice Cream Social will be Wed., June 6 from 3 - 5.

* A motion was approved to fund the Summer Reading Program at \$1000 this year.

* By way of discussion and approved motion, it was decided to suspend funding for Lucky Books this year and instead allocate \$1000.00 for One Book programming.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Mahovlich