

Friends of Robert Trail Library
Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2018

1. Treasurer's Report - John Loch reported a beginning balance of \$7616.71. Income for January was \$165.00. Expenses for the month totaled \$1185.47 which included storage, bank fees, Winter Reads, storage boxes and tape, newsletter, Summer Programs for RTL. The end of the month balance was \$6508.94.

2. Old Business

- * Fish Tank - this possible addition to the library was rejected by the Dakota County Facilities. Other ideas were suggested, and will be reported at the next meeting.
- * Clock - Jo provided several examples, but they were too small. The size needs to be 14 to 30 inches for the designated wall space. Jo will continue to research other clocks.
- * High Top Tables - will not be ordered as that space in the library will be used for something else and were too costly.
- * Artist Reception - the February Reception for Shannon Park was very well attended. The next reception will be March 4 and Sandy has volunteered to help with this event.
- * Author Event - the rescheduled event with author, Tim McDonnell showcased this author's passion for the Gunflint Trail as the topic of his work.
- * One Book Update - Several other titles were discussed as possible suggestion, and "Turn Left at the Cow" was discussed as an excellent choice because of its Minnesota setting, local author, and availability to purchase in softcover. Terry will continue with the process and report at the next meeting. Once the title is selected, we can begin programming plans and details for the Fall Brochure.

3. New Business

- * Donation Request Form - Jo provided a first version of the form, and after discussion and suggested edits, Jo and Ann will revised the form for completion. It would then be available to the local school media specialist to request funds up to \$200. The schools include Rosemount, Shannon Park, Diamond Path, East Lake, Red Pine Elementary Schools as well as St. Joseph's School.
- * "Donated By" stickers - It was agreed that the portrait design of the sticker worked best and it was moved and seconded for Jo to order 1000 stickers for future use.
- * Website Design - it is still in the design process.
- * Writers Festival - volunteers will be needed for the March 24 event and RAAC will assist as well.
- * Book Sale Planning - Jo provided planning charts to work areas that will need to be completed before, during, and after the sale. Help will be needed from 4/1/18 until 4/23/18. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting. John has already ordered signs and postcards.
- * 2018 Expenses - Jo provided a list of our financial commitments for this year.

4. Other

- * Membership Update - FRTL added 4 new members.
- * Friends Idea Sharing - we may host an event with other Friends groups soon.
- * Sign Ups - Staff Treats - Jan-Mar - Jo, Apr-June - Jean, July-Sept - Ann, Oct-Dec - Barb. Remember to submit your receipts, if any.
- * Artist Receptions - 2:00 - 3:00 on Sundays, Mar 4 - Sandy for Rosemount Elementary, April 8 - Sue for East Lake, May 6 - Autumn for Diamond Path.

Submitted by,
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