FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Regular Monthly Meeting

October 10, 2023

Adams County Library

Present: Cheri Nachreiner, Pat Townsend, Laurie Falash, Lorrie Dewar, Mary Nelson, Laura Brown, Erin Foley, Dee Vanderbilt, Allie Parks, Margo Beaver.

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Laurie Falash.

Motion by Mary Nelson, second by Pat Townsend to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report - Margo Beaver reported the current balance of checking account is \$28,554.69.

Investment balance is \$23,074.84. Allie Parks motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, second by Cheri Nachreiner. Motion approved.

Membership Report – Laura Brown reported there are no new memberships.

<u>Director's Report</u> – Erin Foley thanked everyone who attended the retirement party for Marylu Silka. Library staff are adjusting to her absence. The position will be posted soon on the County's website.

The County is finishing up 2024 budgets. Library did not ask for any increase in the 2024 budget except for about a 2% increase in services provided by the consortium. The County budgeted for a 4.9% COLA, but that is currently under debate.

<u>Member's Input</u> – Laurie Falash discussed the possibility of changing the title of the yearly scholarship to Friends of the Library. Discussion followed.

Lorrie Dewar asked about having a craft/flea market sale in conjunction with the annual book sale and softball tournament as a fundraiser. County rules regarding such activities may prohibit this activity.

Cheri Nachreiner contacted Roseberry's Funeral Home regarding the possibility of distributing information to families of the deceased on opportunities for memorial donations to the library. She will have information at next month's meeting.

Margo Beaver saw the Princeton Paper had a "Membership Tea" as part of their membership drive. Mary Nelson suggested an outreach opportunity may be contacting the local Book Clubs to offer to host refreshments for their Book Club.

It was stated that we need to connect more than once a year with volunteers. Erin Foley stated the need for activities that would draw volunteers and Friends of the Library.

Chocolate Affair – Laurie Falash has secured the Middle School for our date in February. Discussion followed regarding the history of the chocolate affair and the inclusion of chocolate. Members felt we need to include chocolate items back into the event. Allie Parks motioned that the vendor form include a request that-they provide a chocolate presentation at their booth. Second by Laura Brown. Motion approved.

Margo Beaver stated we need the tickets for the Chocolate Affair by December 1st in order to give tickets as gifts and sell at the Santa Event. Laurie Falash stated Red Door Graphics is new in town. Discussion followed about who to use for ticket order. Laurie Falash will call Graphics Direct for current information.

Next Meeting scheduled for November 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.