

FRIENDS OF THE INDIAN RIVER AREA LIBRARY
MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by Karen Hill.

Present: Bob Schultz, Sally Bataran, Karen Hill, Jill Sager, Kristina Moutrie, Colleen Schwartz, Trudy Maves, Sue McPherson, and Kelsey Rutkowski.

Minutes:

Accepted as written from July 2022.

Treasurer Report:

Savings Balance: \$917.40 – as of 7/31/2022

Checking Balance: \$7,949.75 – as of 7/31/2022

The Treasurer Report was approved as written.

If the money in the Friends savings/checking account goes over \$10,000, a check will be written to the library for future purchases by the library.

Director's Report:

There has been an increase in the number of library cards given out. Other townships in the area are now part of the library.

There are many hobby classes in August. These are paid for through a grant from the Library of Michigan.

Kelsey talked about digitallearn.org. Many older adults are lost on the computer. This site has self paced on line courses on basic searches, emails, etc. This would be something to put in the paper so the public is aware of this learning tool.

The newsletter will come out twice a year. There will be a Spring/Summer edition and a Fall/Winter edition. This will have information on our library and all the things that we offer. We would like to have information about our library and all the events put in the Cheboygan Tribune also.

Kelsey has requested gift cards for some of the township park personnel and another person from Ostlund Pest Control for all the free help they have provided the library in getting the 3D printer to work, and for putting up the new shelves in the children's section.

Library Board's Representative Report:

There is a meeting September 8th from 4:30 – 6:00 on the 5-year strategic plan for the library. Everyone is invited. Friends are encouraged to attend.

President's Report:

Old Business:

We will go over the membership letter next month. The Friends will review the letter again, as well as go over the membership list and the Wine with Friends list for duplicates and people that should be removed.

Karen will order what is needed for the Mahjong Tournament. The Friends will provide desserts. Kelsey will bring a pot for tea.

The date for helping organize the books at the elementary school is August 24th. It will be in the afternoon. The elementary school library will not open to the students until October.

We did not make as much money at Summerfest this year as we did last year. We were not where all the action was. Next year we want to be in with the crafters.

New Business:

The remaining art prints will be sold during the Christmas sale. There are 3 boxes left.

We will discuss the Wine with Friends Fundraiser at the September meeting.

The Friends have an email address – friends@indianriverlibrary.org. The secretary will take care of the emails.

The book sale room in the basement needs to be cleaned out again. The library has been receiving a large quantity of donated books. Guidelines have to be in place for the books that are accepted. The current books that we cannot sell will be taken to the recycling bin. August 31st will be the last day for book donations.

Motion made and accepted to adjourn at 11:55 am.

The next Friends of the Library Meeting will be September 13, 2022 at 11:00 am.