

FRIENDS OF THE DUBUQUE COUNTY LIBRARY
MINUTES*
April 8, 2021

Present: Jane Bechen, Mark Arnold, Caroline Lundberg, Christine Murphy, Linda Vavricek, Mike Wright

President Jane Bechen called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve Caroline, second Mark

Treasurer's Report: Checking balance, \$4,259.69; Petty cash, \$30.38. A \$20.00 donation was deposited. Motion to approve Mark, second Linda

Director's Report:

Mike reported the new system is being implemented, and he is in the process of working out some details. The library will be closed the afternoons of April 12 and 13 for staff training, and staff will continue to be trained throughout the week. The go live date is May 17th.

The consultants from Library Strategies met via Zoom with the strategic planning committee on April 8th to report on the community input they've gathered and their recommendations for the future. It will be taken to the Board of Trustees for approval at their April meeting.

The Carnegie Stout holds have resumed after being halted last spring at the request of Carnegie Stout.

The circulation of the recently purchased puzzles and games collection has been good, and the staff has received positive feedback.

Program attendance is up although it has been online. Mike stated that the library will try to reach a broader audience for future programs.

Recent orders of new books have not arrived due to a problem with the book vendor. After reaching out to the company, Mike was told that a setting had been changed that caused the delays. New books have started to come in.

Old Business

Friends Book Bags: Jane delivered book bags to all five branches has 75 remaining.

New Library Service: We'll have a demonstration of the new library service at the next meeting if we are on Zoom.

Ancestry and Summer Reading Funds: Mike was given a check for \$1,503.42 for ancestry.com and \$250 from a Thrivent grant for the summer reading program as discussed at the last meeting.

Plant Sale: After discussion regarding how many plants members can provide, it was decided that we will have the plant sale on May 15th from 8:00 until noon. Advertising will take place in the newsletter, on social media, and with posters. Contact Jane for pots if you need them. A work schedule will be discussed at our May meeting.

New Business

Summer Raffle: Mike said that foot traffic is increasing but is not at a pre-Covid level. It was decided to delay the decision on whether to have the summer raffle until the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Next meeting will be May 13 at the Asbury park shelter with Zoom as a backup in case of inclement weather.

*Minutes are in draft form pending approval at the May meeting.

