

FRIENDS OF THE DUBUQUE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

**ZOOM MEETING
MINUTES*
January 14, 2021**

Present: Jane Bechen, Gretchen Conway, Caroline Lundberg, Christine Murphy, Mary Pfeiler, Ann Straley, Amanda Vasquez, Linda Vavricek, Mike Wright

President Jane Bechen called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Minutes had not been distributed to the members; minutes will be distributed by Jane and will be reviewed at the February meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Members received copies of the Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Caroline reported that the fundraiser for the board games and puzzles to check out had donations of \$1112.39. Two bills (Telegraph Herald and 365 INK) remain to be paid for publicity. Balance in checking is \$5,644.50. Petty cash balance is \$30.38. Motion to approve by Mary; Gretchen, second. Approve

Director's Report:

- Library Director Mike reported that there are two big projects that the DCLD is working on currently, the replacement of the library bibliographic and circulation system. The system chosen is KOHA; migration to the new system will occur next week.
- Day to day business at the branches has been slow.
- New children's programs will start in February. The online story telling has been difficult but will continue for now.
- Board members and Mike will be looking at a possible building for a branch in Farley next week.

Old Business:

1,000 Books before Kindergarten:

Jane sent a thank you note to Hormel for their donation of \$1,350 for the project.

Fund-a-Cause— Board games and puzzles

Caroline will send the addresses of the people who donated \$25 or more to Jane who will send thank you notes to them. Ann offered to help Jane with the ty notes. Linda moved that the Friends give sufficient funds that when added to the \$1112 donations will total

\$1500 for puzzles and games; second, Ann. Approved. Mike Wright will pay the cost of advertising once all bills are in.

Jane instructed Caroline to write a check for \$1500 to the DCLD. Amanda will place orders for the board games and puzzles. Jane reported that she received a Thrivent grant for \$250 for puzzles. The total amount designated for board games and puzzles is \$1,750

New Business:

Spring Plant Sale:

Consensus to consider holding a plant sale outside at the Asbury Branch in May. The lobby of the Asbury Branch would not be available because of Covid restrictions. Will be on the March agenda.

Cares Act:

Mary asked about getting a Cares Act Grant. Amanda said they are used for payroll or loans. Probably not for us.

Baking Pan Collection:

Caroline inquired about a circulating baking pans collection. Mike said that the branches have no place to store the items.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Ann Niday Straley, Secretary

Next meeting: Thursday, March 11, on ZOOM at 6:00 p.m.

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*Minutes in DRAFT form pending review and approval at the February meeting.