

The November 2022 meeting of the Friends of the Dubuque County Library
November 10, 2022
Peosta/NICC Branch

Present:

Amanda Vazquez, Mary Groth, Mary Pfeiler, Barb Balk, Mary Houselog, Vanita Bries, Linda Vavricek, Christine Murphy.

The minutes were presented and passed.

Treasurers report:

Mary Houselog reported that we have three cents interest. We bought seven \$10 gift certificates for our volunteers at \$70 in Hy-Vee as Thank Yous. Jane Beschen made a motion to approve and Mary Pfeiler seconded it---passed

Amanda's Director Report:

There was a water issue in Epworth the washing machine in the upstairs unit dripped...No damage. There's a new system they're exploring that will send text messages to patrons for when their favorite authors have new arrivals.

Community, outreach and marketing---New graphic art novel group they are creating escape rooms and they're doing an Alice in Wonderland room and all ages are welcome... it is free of charge.

Another program is Handmade for the Holidays and there's four weeks of crafts.

Discussed the new Farley branch and we were able to review the branch plans as of now that Amanda brought. It will be going out for bid in February hopefully and it will take approximately 18 months to complete we're about a half \$1 million short of our funding.

It was decided that the bingo that we had planned to do as a fundraiser was not a viable option for us due to the rules and regulations of the gambling. We discussed other fundraising possibilities maybe doing an euchre tournament.

We discussed gift wrapping we are going to be doing it from on Saturday, December 17 from 11 o'clock in the morning till 4:30 in the afternoon, the mall hours are 10 AM to 9 PM and we are looking for some boxes for gifts. Mary Pfeiler has some of the supplies and Christine Murphy has the other half of the supplies. Amanda will work on an online sign up for us.

Our next meeting will be December 8 at 6 PM at locals in Epworth.

Looking ahead: We are going to skip the January meeting. Christine will run the February and March meeting as Linda will be out of town. Linda will send out the notices as usual and we'll talk about the plants sale and get that scheduled. Possibly a silent auction and online bidding.

We adjourned at 7:03 PM