

North Riverside Library Foundation

Minutes of Tuesday, September 17, 2019 meeting

Call to Order: Kathleen Spale called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Roll Call: Present; Kathleen Spale, Monica Pineda, Marge Hook, Koula Michalopolus, Annette Corgiat, Nadia Nammari, Vera Wilt, Lenora Giurini, PJ Folz, Jeanne Eichorst, and Natalie Starosta. Absent; all present

Guest: John Matias Thank you for attending.

Approval of Minutes: of the meetings of August 20, and 27th, 2019: Vera made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on the 20th, and of the special meeting on the 27th. Monica seconded, and by a voice vote the motion passed.

Library Board: Annette Corgiat; Annette said the Chili Cook Off will be on September 27th. She has volunteered to make the Chili. The Library was able to hire four part time employees.

Library: Natalie Starosta; The grant from the Riverside Township will be in next week. Work on the perpetual book sale room has started. The Library is applying for more grants **Annette said we are shining our star in North Riverside**. Natalie told us about Berbio. It is a websight that takes all non profit events in an area and notifies you. You have to give your name and email and zip code. You click on what you are interested in, and you will receive the notifications two times a week. They also get information from Facebook and Google. The cost for the Library to join is \$250.00. Vera made a motion for us to join Berbio. Monica seconded, and by a voice vote, the motion passed. They started out on the East coast, and are now nationwide.

Natalie asked if the Foundation could fund the Book Pages. Marge made a motion for us to fund Book Pages. Monica seconded, and by a voice vote, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Vera for Koula: We have \$10,252.40 in our account. We will be paying for the year for Book Pages. Lenora made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Monica seconded, and by a voice vote, the motion passed.

Tax Exempt Form: The Library received the renewal for the tax exemption. We will all receive a copy we can use when we purchase something for the Foundation or Library.

Grants: The Girl Scout Award Project: Karen Quinn's daughter set up the little houses that hold books for people to take to read. They can return a book and take another. It is strictly on an honor system. She may need some help to check on them to be sure there are books in them at

all times. One is located across from Komarek School, one near the Recreation, and one near the park.

Monica volunteered to be the person that will check to see if the houses have books in them. Books to fill the houses can come from our book sale books. Lenora mentioned it would be a good idea to put an article about the houses in the Landmark, being sure it is noted that the Foundation is helping.

Natalie asked if the Library could use the Foundation when applying for a grant. Some grants require the organization applying for the grant to be a 501c3. She said we may have to change the bylaws a bit to be able to do it. She feels this will be very helpful when applying for the grants. Lenora made a motion to amend the bylaws so we can apply for the grants. Monica seconded, and by a voice vote, the motion passed.

Update on FOL: Annette mentioned membership letters have been sent out to current members, and prospective members. Marge asked the Foundation members if they could give her names of people they might know so she could send them letters. Sometimes residents have never been contacted before. After receiving a prospective member letter, the Police Chief and his wife sent a \$100.00 check.

2019 Fundraisers: Chili Cook Off. Annette has volunteered to make her award winning Chili. We have decorations from last year that we will use to decorate our assigned space. Marge will get the pencils to hand out to the children as we did last year. Kathleen and Marge will decorate. Someone asked if we could sell our bags and shirts at the event. Jeanne volunteered to contact Theresa at Recreation to find out.

Pet Photo Shoot: On Nov. 3rd, we will have the Pet Photo Shoot in the Library from 10:00 a. m. to 3:00 p.m., with a 15 minute break between shots. Vera's niece Rianna will be the photographer. PJ's daughter in law will help.

It was suggested that we may try to hook up with the RB photo students sometime. We will look into it. Lenora talked about backgrounds. She will email the choices, and we can let her know what we like. Stephanie made a motion to allow Lenora to order the backgrounds. Monica seconded, and by a voice vote the motion passed. Lenora will reach out to get a pet related basket for a raffle. She will get cookie treats for the pets attending. We will also sell our bags and shirts at the event.

Shredding: PJ has been looking into a shredding fundraisers at the Library. She reached out to Melissa at RB to see if the students that helped at the last Book Sale could partner with us. If we use the students, it will have to be on a weekday. Three teachers would come with them. They could be here from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. They have to be back at school in time for the bus

that takes them home at 2:30 p.m. They could bring the shredder with them. We would charge for the shredding, and pay them for hours worked. Each attendee can bring a total of 3 banker's size boxes full of papers to be shredded.

We could advertise the event as a Spring Clean Event, and possibly have it on a Friday.

iPad Raffle: Pat and Maureen Ferriter won the iPad at our raffle. They were very happy, and thanked us.

Foundation merchandise: Nadia said the shirts were ordered. They will be in before the Chili Cook Off. We will try to make "package deals" on the prices on the t shirts and bags. It will be a little cheaper if they buy a bag and a t shirt, or two t shirts etc.

Each Foundation member is responsible for the \$16.50 cost of the Foundation member t shirt.

We will ask if we can sell our merchandise at the November 2nd Craft Fair.

Library Promotion: Lenora said her friend is willing to do the yoga on Saturday mornings. We need to pick out a date for Zumba.

Adjournment: Kathleen adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

Marge Hook, Secretary