

## North Riverside Library Foundation

Meeting of November 19, 2019

Call to Order: Kathleen Spale called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll all: Present; Kathleen Spale, Monica Pineda, Marge Hook, Annette Corgiat, Lenora Giurini, Nadia Namari, Stephanie Lancken, Natalie Starosta, and PJ Folz. Absent; Jeanne Eichorst, and Koula Michaelopolus.

Guest: John Mathais

Approval of Minutes- October 15, 2019: Annette made a motion to approve the minutes of October 15, 2019. Lenora seconded, and by a voice vote, the motion passed.

Library Board: Annette Corgiat; Annette told us that the Library is hosting a Holiday Party for the Library staff, volunteers, and others associated with the Library. It will be held at JC's Pub, on January 11<sup>th</sup>. The Foundation is invited.

Library: Natalie talked about how active the Library is with all the things going on. They are working on the divider glass wall in the teen room. They are also working on design boards for the book sale, the small meeting room, and the Kay Subaitis Room.

Treasurer's Report: Koula Michaelopolus; In Koula's absence, Marge reported some information given to her by Koula. We have \$10,709.35 in our account. We made a profit of about \$890.26 on the Pet Photo Shoot, which included the square purchases. Lenora made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. PJ seconded, and by a voice vote, the motion passed.

Matching Donation (Action Item): John Mathias originally made a donation to the Library of \$100.00. His employer would match his donation by 3x's, which would then become a \$400.00 donation. He changed his donation to \$1,000.00, which became a \$4,000.00 donation to our Library. We need to generate a list of how the Library would use the \$1000.00 donation, and a list of how the Library would use the \$4,000.00 donation.

Natalie said we need to update the computers. They do not have the ability to have enough memory. Annette feels it would be better to update half at a time, to avoid all being shut down at the same time. PJ made a motion for us to generate the lists of what the Library would do with the donation. Lenora seconded, and by a voice vote, the motion passed.

Letter: Natalie Starosta; Natalie told us the residents on the other side of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue do not have close access to the Library. She suggested the Library purchase a Lending Library Machine

for the other side of town. Many ILA libraries have them. She is looking into prices and ways to fund it. It would be tax deductible.

It is filled with a variety of books. A patron needs to put their Library card into the machine, it checks the book out, and sends the book out of the machine to the patron. A location has not yet been determined. A letter writing campaign would be one suggestion for funding. All residents would receive a letter in hopes of raising money. Another suggestion was to reach out to businesses to be sponsors. They could be given some type of incentive. Also, getting the Mayor involved could be helpful. This new idea would be beneficial to the whole community and all taxpayers.

Girl Scout Gold Award Project: The Little Libraries are working out well. Several people beside Monica are helping to refill the Little Libraries. They are located at the Tot Spot, near Komarek School, and near the Gazebo. PJ will talk to Bob Uphues to see if he can write an article in the Landmark about this project, including our involvement.

Update on FOL: Natalie said there hasn't been any decision on what they will spend their money on for the Library.

2019 Fundraisers: Pet Photo Shoot: The Pet Photo Shoot was a big success. Everything ran smoothly, and all photos were beautiful. Our profit was about \$890.26, including the square purchases. The cost of the backdrops and frames was \$112.30. This will not be deducted from the profit because we will use them for other events. Ornaments were sold. They were very nice. The cost of the ornaments was \$61.00, which will be subtracted from our profit. We will try to sell the leftover stock of the ornaments. Each of the photographers, who did a wonderful job, were sent a thank you card and a \$25.00 gift card from Trader Joes. The gift cards were donated, so will not be subtracted from our profit.

Holiday Open House: The Holiday Open House will be held December 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6-9 p.m. This is the same evening as the Village Tree Lighting.

Shredding: PJ contacted Ron and Melissa about our shredding event. They are willing to partner with the Foundation for this event. They will bring the students and the shredders to the Library. It needs to be on a weekday. We could choose a Thursday from 10-2 p.m., or a Friday from 10-1 p.m. It could be called a "Spring Cleaning Event". Each participant can bring the equivalent of 3 Bankers boxes of papers to be shredded. Cost to be determined. The school needs 3 week notice.

Zumba: The instructor said she will do it again. We could have it at the recreation on a Sunday in January or February. We can have a raffle again. The instructor will donate a wine basket for the raffle.

Thrifty Gala: Thrifty Gala: The Gala would be best in Fall at the Club. More plans need to be made.

Foundation Merchandise: We will continue to sell our merchandise. Nadia will look into sweatshirts.

Unfinished Business: Suggestions; We decided we will offer an opportunity for residents to bring their family to the Open House at the Library to take a Christmas photo. It can be taken in front of the Christmas backdrop with their camera. The area by the fireplace will be decorated.

This will not be a fundraiser. There will be no charge. It will be a way for us to give back to our supporters.

Adjournment: Kathleen adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

Respectively submitted, Marge Hook Secretary