

North Riverside Library Foundation

Minutes of February 18, 2020 meeting

Call to Order: Kathleen Spale called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Roll Call: present; Kathleen Spale, Monica Pineda, Marge Hook, Koula Michalopolus, Vera Wilt, Lenora Giurini, Nadia Nammari, Stephanie Lancken, PJ Folz, and Jeanne Eichorst. absent; Natalie Starosta and Annette Corgiat. Mike and Britney represented Natalie in her absence.

Approval of Minutes: Monica made a motion to approve the minutes of January 21, 2020. Lenora seconded, and by a voice vote the motion passed.

Library Board: Annette Corgiat; The new wall for the teenage area is in. The blueprints for the book sale room are in. The room will have shelving, a fire place, couch, love seat, and a table among other things. It will be very inviting.

Library: Natalie Starosta; (Mike and Britney gave Natalie's Report). Natalie shared an idea that the Nashville Public Library Foundation had. They participated when the ALA came to their town. The ALA is coming to Chicago, to Mc Cormack Place. Do we want to do something? PJ said maybe the Historic Society would want to participate. Natalie said she attended one, and it was great. The new wall is great. The patrons love it. The Maker's Space is starting to be used more. The Digital Preservation Room is also being used more often. The heating and air conditioning should be in within 4 or 5 days.

The Library needs a new server. It would cost about \$3,000.00. The one we have keeps konking out, and it affects everyone and everything in the Library. Vera made a motion that we authorize up to \$3,500.00 to purchase a new server. Monica seconded, and by a voice vote the motion passed.

Vertual Merchant Service: Nadia; We received the device, It should do what we want. The link will be on the Library Page or the Facebook Page. If the Library is OK with putting a donation button on the Library Page, we will do it.

Treasurer's Report: Koula; Koula reported that we have \$12,732.59 in our account. There were two bad checks, one on August 21, and one on October 22. They were for \$14.00 each. We were charged a \$9.00 fee by the bank. Vera made a motion to approve the report. Nadia seconded, and by a voice vote the motion passed.

Update on FOL: All remaining funds from FOL is being turned over toward the completion of the Book Sale Room.

Remind: Monica; The Email Blast will make things easier for upcoming events. Monica sent out to 137 people. She received some responses, but would have liked to have gotten a little more.

Koula made up a letter to go out to the list of people, to see who might be interested in helping the Foundation. They can stop in the Library to find out more information. The letter can also be attached to the Email Blast

It was mentioned that we could also use a flyer on Facebook. The same flyer can be used for donations, volunteers, advertising upcoming events, etc.

2020 Fundraisers: Shredding: PJ met with the Special Ed department about partnering with us on the Shredding Event. It will be called the Spring Cleaning Shred a thon Event. We will charge \$10.00 for papers that will fit into a banker's box. Each person can shred up to 3 boxes. The school will drop off the students with the shredders. The event will be from 10:00-1:30pm on Friday, May 1st. The Special Ed Department will handle everything. We will handle the cash box.

We will order and treat the students to a pizza lunch the same day.

Lenora will make the flyer. It would be a help if we can personally advertise to our friends and family or neighbors.

Autumn Fest is May 8, 2020. They will be serving mac and cheese. Other suggestions for fundraisers are; Summer Gala, wine tasting, evening adult events, golf in the stacks, raffles, and Zumba.

Foundation Merchandise: Nadia reported that the Foundation sweatshirts will be heather green with a hood, and heather blue crew necks. Both will have white printing. They will be \$27.00.

Unfinished business: We will check with Annette about the availability of the Club for an activity. We can try a local fundraiser such as working with a restaurant who will give us a percentage of sales for an event held there, or a carryout event. Possible choices might be Mother's Day, La Penca, BCT, or other local choices.

New name tags: We will discuss at the next meeting. PJ mentioned those might come out of the Library Funds (budget).

Monica mentioned that we should make a new page for donations, and link it to the front page of the Library website. Everything on the menu can be changed. We need a link from Facebook (to donate) to go directly to Library Page.

Stephanie made a motion to adjourn. Koula seconded, and by a voice vote, the motion passed. Kathleen adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Marge Hook Secretary Next meeting, Wednesday April 18, 6:30 p.m.

