

Foundation and Friends of the North Riverside Library
February 21, 2023 Hybrid Meeting Minutes

President Kathleen Spale called the meeting to order at 6:32

Roll Call - In person unless otherwise indicated: Kathleen Spale, Annette Corgiat, Pat Trinco, Denise Miska, Nadia Nammari (via Zoom), Natalie Starosta, Vera Wilt, and later Stephanie Lancken joined us.

Approval of Minutes - Minutes of the November 22, 2022 Committee meeting as well as the January 17, 2023 regular meeting were approved on motion by Denise, seconded by Annette and carried.

Library Board - Annette said there was nothing new to report from the board, but shared that the North Riverside Players fundraiser is this weekend and encouraged support.

Library - Natalie said there is a lot of work going on in preparing the newsletter, applying for grants and many projects, but nothing currently for the Friends and Foundation.

Treasurer's Report - Vera reported there was little activity since the last meeting. She clarified that check #1033 to Annette Corgiat was only for the cover for the collapsible wagon, not for the wagon itself. Annette has not yet turned in the receipt for the actual wagon. The Wix charge was for the FFNRL domain name reservation the replacement check to LADSE cleared the bank, so she added back the amount of the lost check into the balance. The balance in the account as of this meeting is \$44,595.76.

Name Change Facebook update - Facebook has to approve a name change, and we are waiting for that. The bank account has to be updated with the new name as well. Nadia will let Vera know if the bank needs anything other than the Secretary of State's document of name change.

Library Website and New FFNRL Domain - The website is still under construction, and only has the basic framework. As it develops, we can decide how to inter connect the FFNRL and Library sites, set a page on the Library and link for more information, use a QR code to bring them to our site, etc.

Library Board Shirts - Nadia has placed the order based on information received from Annette yesterday. They will be tan, and there will probably be a sample or proof before they are done.

Senior Fair - is coming up through the Village on Thursday, May 11, from 10AM to noon. The Library will have a table, with quite a bit of information, and Natalie suggests that if the F&F want more than some flyers distributed, we should get our own table. We discussed what we could showcase. We would not be able to sell anything there. We could, however, show samples of the things they can get at the library, and have flyers providing information about joining the F&F of the library, and our fundraisers. Natalie reminded us we also have pens that we ordered after the last senior fair and we never gave out.

Stephanie moved we reserve the basic table and participate. Nadia seconded, and motion carried. Annette will call to reserve the table and let Vera know how much to make the check out for.

Celebration Dinner date was changed because too many people were unavailable. The new date and location will be Tuesday, April 25th at the Village Pub.

Purchase Requests - none at this time, but some things will be requested soon.

2023 Fundraisers

Easter Baskets - There was much discussion about what to charge, what to put in each, etc. The Noah's Ark animals cost us roughly \$14 each, so those in a basket will need to be higher. Ultimately, we decided that since baskets are of different sizes and items are random, those who pack them should be given authority to price them based on cost. There are books and other gift items available to put in them. Annette will pick up some candy and fillable eggs,

Vera will purchase cellophane or mesh to wrap them. If we have ribbon, bring some. There is not much room at the circulation desk to display them there, but there was some concern about just leaving them for people to self check-out in Kay's Room. We will try just putting a couple out at a time.

We scheduled a work session at the library to prepare baskets on Wednesday, March 8th at 6PM. Natalie will reserve a room for us.

Fall Gala - Natalie pointed out that the Village's Centennial committee is planning a Gala, and we might not want to compete with the same kind of event. Theirs will probably be in winter, but consensus was that it would probably be poor form to try to do the same kind of event so close together.

Other ideas discussed, hopefully bringing people into the library:

Halloween Pet photos, but we don't really have a photographer lined up. We discussed whether RB has a photography club with members who might want the experience.

Miniature golf in the stacks - Vera's son made a set, and we could do an event on a Sunday. Vera will look into a plan.

Natalie suggested an escape room, which is a type of scavenger hunt, or maybe a murder mystery, which some other libraries have done.

We will look into some of these ideas.

Unfinished Business - It was reported that Mark Egger, a former library trustee and one of the people who helped establish the Friends group, passed away. Services are at Hitzeman Funeral Home this Friday morning, February 24th. It was recommended the F&F of NRL should sponsor a memorial book.

With no more business, Annette moved to adjourn, seconded by Denise and carried.

Adjourned at 8:04

Vera A. Wilt, Secretary pro tem