

Friends of Baker County Library

Meeting, Nov. 8, 2017

Present: Jen Albright, Barbara Prowell, Nancy Johnson, Julianne Williams, Perry Stokes (BCL Dir.)

Treasurer's Report: Johnson distributed copies of the October bank statement. The Friends have a balance of \$24,567.74. This includes income from eclipse viewers purchased by the Friends and a later duplicate purchase by the Library. Discussion followed on reimbursing the Library for their expenditure and how to handle the income. Johnson moved to reimburse the Library \$915.00 for their purchase cost with the profits coming to the Friends. Motion was seconded by Albright. Approximately \$3,000 was made by selling the viewers at the Circ Desk. Motion passed, with Prowell abstaining. The little 'cat bank' at the Circ Desk collects about \$20/month in change.

Old Business:

- Logo flags: Stokes has received city approval to mount them on posts in front of the Library.
- Stokes distributed an itemized budget for remodeling the Teen Room and discussed the sequence of the projects involved in it. Total cost is estimated to be \$17,500 with \$13,000 coming from a Leo Adler Grant, \$1,500 from the Library Foundation, \$1,500 from the Friends, and \$1,500 from the Library's general fund. Johnson moved to allocate the \$1,500 from the Friends for the Teen Room remodel; Prowell seconded the motion. Motion passed. Once the Teen Room project is completed the Story Time room will be remodeled, and then the Reading Room will be remodeled.

New Business:

- Stokes asked that a thank you card be sent to Shirlee Severs for her work as a volunteer on the Library grounds. Mina Weisheit has also worked as a volunteer tending the roses during the summer. Williams moved for the Friends to purchase two gift certificates from Barley Brown's restaurant of \$25 each as thank you gifts for these two people. Prowell seconded the motion. Motion passed. Williams will get the certificates and thank you cards. Prowell will contact Mina Weisheit for her winter address.
- Book bags: Stokes has had requests from the public for library book bags and distributed pages from the Demco catalog with images of their products. Cost for them runs about a little over \$2 for 50-100 bags. Williams inquired about the cost of getting bags personalized for BCL. Stokes will look into it. No action was taken at this time.
- Winter Book Sale: There was discussion on having the January book sale. Currently there is not very much inventory in the alcove that could be used. Stokes checked with Diana Pearson about inventory and was told that there is plenty of inventory. However,

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the Friends are also concerned about currently not having an adequate number of members to organize and manage it. Prowell moved not to have a January book sale. Williams seconded the motion. After discussion the motion passed. Stokes will ask the Literacy Coalition to do the winter sale. The Friends will do the summer sale and run the book shop. Albright reported that the book shop took in about \$443 between the end of September and beginning of November with \$67 being from 'priced as marked' items.

- Johnson reported that the Foundation is doing the Dolly Parton Imagination Library project for three years with sponsorship from OTEC and a private foundation.

The next meeting of the Friends will be February 14, 2018, at 3:30PM at the Library.

Respectfully submitted by

Julianne Williams

Secretary pro tem