

Friends Meeting 3/7/2023

President Beth Plas opened the meeting at 6:30 11 in attendance.

February minutes were read and approved.

Membership was at 75 regular members, 10 Golden members. No correspondence

Treasurer reported beginning balance of \$14,764.84. and ending balance as of 3/7/23 split: Library Support \$1440.19, Friends Budget \$3217.21, RBTW Budget \$9000, and Community Grant Balance \$204.99. We were sad to learn that the Amazon Smile Program has ended as of 2/20/23. The program donated \$449million to non-profit organizations since its start in 2013.

Book Sale Committee

Sharon reported that they are working on updated permanent category signs for the book sales, including a category for She Sheds and Man Cave. She has a new handbook for reference. Some new ideas for the sale include a Raffle Basket, a circulation desk Bookmark with dates/info, a RBTW Save the Date Card to include with purchases. Next committee meeting is 3/22.

Read Between the Wines Committee

Beth reported the committee met 2/28. Next meeting is 3/28.

Director Report

Adele was not in attendance. A subsequent update from Tami was received.

There is a Scrabble contest taking place in the library.

Summer reading them is "All Together Now" Pam is incorporating a community theme and asking local authorities, businesses, and organizations to join in. A beekeeping theme is being used in the newsletter as well as the children's reading tracker.

Tami is working on the newsletter for RBTW, book sales, website, and meetings.

Old Business

The Personal Pantry has been moved inside the Library Lobby. Access will be limited to Library hours.

Changes to Ohio SNAP program may increase demand for foodstuff. Government emergency allotments of additional \$95/month are being discontinued.

The Book Committee will replenish the Little Book Pantry as needed, specifically looking for children's books to put out.

New Business

The next RBTW meeting will be March 28th at 6pm in the Community room. Anyone interested in helping with the fundraiser is invited.

Beth advised we are looking at merging our Friends website into the library website in an effort to get more traffic and ease of updating.

April meeting will be either Yoga with Essential Kneads or a presentation by the Board of Trustees.

Josh Mole of Centerra presented an overview of Centerra. Centerra is one of our Perks Sponsors. Centerra is a coop with corporate offices in Ashland. Josh is offering members a free 5# bag of bird seed annually. He indicated they would be interested in participating with the Library on the summer reading program. They are currently hatching chicks and offering classes on seed starting and raising chickens at their Country Store in town (one of nine retail stores in Ohio).

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm. Next meeting will be April 4, 2023

All meeting minutes on our website: friendsgmpl.org at the Library front desk.

