

Friends Meeting 11/1/2022

President Beth Plas opened the meeting at 6:35 11 in attendance.

October meeting was the Friends Social – no minutes to review.

Treasurer reported our beginning balance at \$13,972.80 and ending balance on 11/1 as \$13,983.05. Valley Storage rental continues to increase prices – we would like to find a reasonable alternative.

Director Report

The Village road improvements are almost finished; the new parking schema is forecasted to be completed this week.

Library is preparing for Old Fashioned Christmas. They are planning a glass ornament decorating contest for patrons.

Old Business

The Friends social was a great success. Thank you notes have been sent to the library staff for providing the food.

The 50/50 raffle at the Folk Music gathering raised \$62.00.

The GMPL Express trip is scheduled for Sunday, Dec 11 with 36 seats available. The limo buses will leave the library at 3:30 and return around 8pm. Friends sign up will be 11/12 – 11/19; friends may bring 1 non-member guest. Reservations must include a \$10 deposit to hold the seat; deposit will be refunded the day of the trip. Reservations have been made with Stan Hywet and Marilyn will process the invoice.

Book Sale is in process. Chairman was not in attendance. Update at next meeting. Some discussion was held regarding the shift assignments, disposition of books, need for smaller boxes. Breakdown will be Saturday at 9:30.

Friends have partnered with Our Lady of Peace to help with items for the food and personal pantry. The church also holds a Food Pickup on the 1st and the 3rd Saturdays of the month. A representative from Path & Green would like to address the group. They are providing personal products for Midview Schools. Barb is the contact.

Abuse/potential disuse of the Personal Pantry was discussed. Apparently, a patron may be emptying the pantry as soon as it is filled. This is discouraging and results in product not being available for others. Some alternatives were discussed; but for the time being, no product is being filled until a resolution is found. The Food Pantry is also being used more than normal and keeping it stocked is a challenge.

New Business

Friends participation at Old Fashioned Christmas Snow was discussed. We will have a table in the Library with a raffle basket or two. Brenda to investigate restrictions on including wine in raffle basket. Some suggestions on promotional items were made but nothing was decided.

Marilyn checked out ice sculpture vendors. Prices ranged from \$850-\$1090 for a demonstration and 2-3 pieces. The members decided that was too expensive for our participation. Jackie Shaffer suggested a pony dressed as a reindeer might be a cute idea and she would be willing to wear her elf costume. She is going to look further into any local resources for something like that.

Goodness Gracious Shopping Event will be November 15th from 6-9pm. A percentage of the profits will be given to the Friends. Food and drink will be provided.

Meeting was adjourned at 8pm. Next meeting will be December 6, 2022