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September 24, 2024 Agenda

Meeting Called to order at: 6:30pm

Approval of 7-23-2024 Meeting minutes – M/S/P

Attendance: Nancy Zienkiewicz - President, Helen Dutton -Treasurer, Suzanne Belanger – Vice President, Brenda Cannon, Lindsey Hilliard – Secretary, Lea Anderson-Smith - Member at Large, Lisa Johnson,

Library Staff: Clay Kriese – Library Director, Karen Metcalf

Reports:

President

Reported under Old and New Business.

Treasurer with Membership, Above & Beyond Updates:

YTD Income \$6,966; budget \$5,600. End of month balance: \$9,538.

Old Business:

1. **Silent Auction:** Total income from auction: \$4,180. An online auction was done late July/early August with the four items that did not have bids in June. There are still two items from the auction, a necklace and a Celtics basketball apron/pot holder set. Helen will check with the middle school if they want the apron. At the annual meeting, FWPL will draw a name from current members for the necklace.
2. **Nominating Committee:** No nominating committee is currently active.

New Business:

1. **Little Library Schedule:** Brenda Cannon has volunteered until the end of 2024. Lisa Johnson will do Jan-March.
2. **Slate of Officers for 2025:** There are still three vacancies for board members: President, Vice President, and Treasurer. Lisa Johnson is interested in Member-at-large. Lindsey Hilliard is interested in continuing in the role of Secretary.
3. **Spending Priorities & Budget Guidelines:**
 - Spending Priorities:** Museum Passes, More adult programming, Equipment (e.g. telescope, replacing worn toys for toddler group.)
 - Budget Guidelines:** No items that should be part of the Operating Budget, no infrastructure, no perishables (exception for special programs, e.g. candy for gingerbread house activity). All requests must be made at a FWPL meeting.

Library Updates:

Karen:

Requested hardcover books (6 total) for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten - Total retail cost: \$104.94
Total from Gibson's: \$83.95, Total from Amazon: \$64.47. **M/S/P** - approved to purchase from Gibson's to support local business.

Requested Book Giveaways for Town Christmas Party - Request amount: \$248.75. To include acknowledgment that the books are donated by FWPL. **M/S/P**

The \$600 approved for Adult Summer Program was not spent. Two new requests were presented.

Adult Program, Pop-up Felting art class for 15 participants – Request amount: \$450. **M/S/P**

Adult Program, Fire Cider class for 12 participants – Request amount: \$130. **M/S/P**

Clay: S.T.E.A.M outdoor deck has been put on hold to discuss with architect. An anonymous donor has gifted the money needed to purchase classic book collection.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm

No October meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 19 - 6:30 p.m. ANNUAL MEETING.