

FRIENDS OF THE WALKER MEMORIAL LIBRARY AGENDA

February 27, 2020

INTRODUCTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **January Birthdays:** Happy birthday to Friends' Member Dan Glover
- **Library Board Meeting:** The board meets the third Thursday of the month from 4 to ? Come help represent the Friends.
- **Friends of the Walker Memorial Book Club:** Meets second Wednesday of the month from 3 to 5 pm at the community center. Next discussion is on March 12th. They are discussing the book "The Sandcastle Girls" by Chris Bohjalian
- **Other Announcements....**

Treasurer's Report & Membership – Regina Rofe

Secretary – Luke Sorensen

Library Update – Rose Bebris

OLD BUSINESS

Valentines Tea: We had about 225 people attend the Valentines tea and raised \$190 between new friends' members, donations, raffle for quilt and mug rugs. Thank you to Mary Levesque and other former Chopin club members and mainebled for providing some great music. A HUGE thank you to all the friends' members for providing food, paper plates, napkins, other supplies, and helping out: Regina R, Cadence A, Kelly D, Loraine G, Joan A, Joanne M, Evelyn O, Sondra T, Pat L, Jane

Ann M, Kathy E, Cathy G, Edna F, Kathy T, Robbin, and Kerri F. Thank you to Erin Curren for designing the flyers. Also, a HUGE thank you to Rose Bebris who made it possible to have a Saturday afternoon tea and her daughter who was a great helper! Thank you to Julie Peterson for providing some extra food and Robbin S for making food. Thank you to Rose and Kate Radke for providing some of the crafts.

American Journal Update: Thank you Kelly Day for sending info to the American Journal

Donation by John and Leah Thibault in memory of Dana Ann Batt: Play kitchen has been purchased and arrived. Cost after shipping and delivery was \$848.49. A friends' member donated pots and pans!

Basket in Bathrooms: Thank you to Cathy G for buying stuff for the bathroom. March is Jane Ann!

Game night: Thank you Joan for hosting a fun evening of games!

Santa's Bench: On hold until hear back from the City what they would like to see happen with the bench

Books at City Hall: At last meeting, we decided we would provide children's books for parent/kids to take when they come into City Hall. Michael Shaughnessy is working on getting a book shelf that is the appropriate size. I have reached out to Todd Fields at Westbrook High School to see if will they are willing to print out bookmarks with library and friends' logo and early literacy tips. I have not heard back yet.

NEW BUSINESS

Friends Bucks for Books Scholarship: Per Sue Bailey she agrees students are renting or buying books on amazon now and is not costing

as much. Cathy also spoke with Zoe and she reports that most of her material were in pdf form. She had a couple books for English. Sue suggested the following options:

1. Keep it the same
2. Just give them set amount of money to go towards college.
Present the check at awards ceremony
3. Have them send transcript after completion of first semester and send check at that time
4. We can also decide to no longer offer the scholarship

Annual Meeting: (see attachment) It has been set for Thursday, May 14th 530 to 7 pm. Center for Wildlife has been confirmed. We just need to choose what program we would like to do. Options:

1. Scavengers: Natures Clean-up crew
2. Raptors, Reptiles and Mammals
3. Maine Birds of Prey
4. Seasonal Wildlife Adaptations
5. Natures Nightshift (we did this last year)
6. Owls: Silent Hunters of the Night
7. Bats: Friends of Night Skies

Book Sale at Together Days: Do we want to do this? I can store some books in my garage but would need 2 other people to take some books. If so when are we going to start collecting? March 15? People willing to sort weekly? I can pick up weekly and take wherever. The date for Together days does not look like it has been set yet. Will need also several people with trucks willing to move books back to library prior to book sale. Anyone willing to volunteer

Library Quilt made by Terry Foxx: Rose has suggested hanging the quilt in Youth Service area. It looks like stuff to hang the quilt up can range from \$20 ~ \$110. Options anything from curtain rod to wood hanger. Are the Friends okay with using money to purchase appropriate way to display it? Anyone willing to figure out appropriate option?

National Library Week: April 19-25, 2020. Theme is “Find your place at the Library.” Do the friends want to do something for all the staff to show appreciation for all the hard work they do? There is a total of 21 staff. Make breakfast or other meal? Buy breakfast or other meal? Give a gift certificate to something like Daily Grind? Other ideas???

Other Ideas for the Library: (see article and map)

- Christmas Tree – Julie Peterson reports that the festival of Trees needs replacing. Old tree has been tossed.
- Telescope science corner stone modified for libraries – Kate Radke \$375
- Having person come in to talk about preparing your yard for bees ~ \$100 to \$200 (Rose has used person at Durham Library)
- Art Hanging Gallery system to display art and appropriate lighting
- Microscope
- Cooking utensil, cake pans, cookie cutters
- Tools
- Game console (play station or Wii or Xbox)
- Instruments
- Game night
- Yoga
- Music night

- Other Ideas???

Other Fundraising:

- Restaurant night
- Letter soliciting businesses
- 5k fun walk/race – Baxter and Bridgeton library
- Trivia night

NEXT MEETING: March 26th from 530 to 630 pm. See you there!!!