

The Friends of the Mount Carroll District Library, NFP

December 12, 2023

Present: Alan Rosenberg, Terry Tonon, Fayellen Sanetra, Carol Frey, Anna Gray

Present by Zoom: Nancy Veith, Pam Naples

Alan Rosenberg, president, welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The meeting was held at the Mount Carroll District Library and also on Zoom format.

Secretary's Report

Motion by Carol Frey, seconded by Terry Tonon to accept the minutes of the November 14, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Terry Tonon, treasurer, reviewed the Treasurer's Report ending November 30, 2023. The checking amount balance is \$4,447.42. Motion by Fayellen Sanetra, seconded by Carol Frey to accept the Treasurer's Report ending November 30, 2023. Motion carried.

Alan Rosenberg and Terry Tonon distributed and discussed the TBK bank statement ending Nov. 30, 2023. Both said the statement reflects all the transactions of the month and that this could be used in place of the current financial report. Discussion ensued. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Library Director's Report/Rehab and Expand Update

- Pam Naples, Library Director, reviewed the scheduled programming. The visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus was quite a success.
- Children's Librarian Amy Dobish's last day will be December 21. Amy was instrumental in getting the library ready for opening and organizing well attended children's programming.
- Winter Construction is finishing up their "punch list". This includes a skeleton key to lock the Friends closet and installing the Friends bulletin board case.
- Laurel Bergren is meeting with companies regarding the railing for the accessible sidewalk.

Correspondence

- Alan announced that a letter has been received from Fidelity.

Updates

- Farmers Market Report: Anna Gray reported that the Farmers Market organizational meeting will take place on Saturday, April 6, 2024. The Friends have been signed up for the meeting and to be vendors next year. Season forms will be sent in early spring. Anna suggested that a volunteer be secured to be coordinator for the scheduling of the season and to receive the information the Market Manager sends through the vendors Facebook page. Alan will mention the need for someone to volunteer to coordinate the Market in a letter to the membership.
- Alan suggested that a lightweight tent/canopy should be ordered for the Market booth. Anna remarked that a purchase could be made before the Market starts if volunteers are secured.
- Members Event Committee: Alan reported that he will meet with Carol to discuss plans for the Member's Event.

- Grant Research Committee: Alan will contact Laurel for advice on how to proceed with grant process applications.
- Illinois Road Scholar Committee Report: Anna reported that two grant applications have been submitted and will report when official approval is received from the Illinois Humanities. The following will be scheduled in 2024: Dennis Stroughmatt, Sunday, June 30, 2:00 p.m., Cajun folktales and fiddle music; Chris Vallillo, Sunday, October 6, 2:00 p.m., Forgottonia – songs and stories of rural life.
- Motion by Fayellen Sanetra, seconded by Terry Tonon to engage Bucky Halker for a musical program to be held this summer for \$400.00. Motion carried. Anna will contact the performer.
- Membership Drive: Alan reported that increasing membership will be a primary goal in 2024.
- The updated brochure is complete and now available in the library.
- Election of Officers: Motion by Fayellen Sanetra, seconded by Carol Frey to accept the following slate of officers for 2024 - Alan Rosenberg, president and Anna Gray, secretary. Motion carried. The position of treasurer remains open.
- Alan thanked the officers and all members for their work during the year.
- 2024: Alan discussed plans for the upcoming year and encouraged members to share their comments. Supporting programs for children and families and the importance of getting volunteers involved in the Farmers Market booth were discussed.
- Pam Naples will bring a wishlist of needs for the library at the next meeting.
- Happy Holidays to all!

Adjournment

Motion by Carol Frey, seconded by Terry Tonon to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Gray, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: **Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at the Mount Carroll District Library.** The meeting will also be available in Zoom format with invitations sent by email by Pam Naples. Please inform Pam if you would like to receive a Zoom invitation, 815-244-1751.