

Homer Community Library
November 12, 2024
7:00 pm

Present: Joe Rice, Becci Powers, Director Christine Cunningham, David Steckel, Becci Powers, Chantelle Thompson, and Casey Phillips

Absent: Jillian Weathers and Troy Schiff

Visitors: Cindy Happ with Friends of the Library

Call to Order: Joe Rice called the meeting to order at 7:09pm

Public Comment: none

Friends of the Library Report: Cindy Happ stated that their fall book sale brought in \$271. The Friends hosted an author/Illustrator event on Nov. 9 with 14 special guests. Cowboy Ed provided children's entertainment, Fun Faces performed balloon twisting, Mary Kay Anderson had an activity table, and the Heritage Hawk made an appearance. Authors donated their books to the library and 152 guests came out! Their annual Tea Party and Fashion Show is Nov. 24 and will feature costumes over the last 200 years. Those interested in tickets are to contact the library to reserve and pay for seats.

Secretary's Report: Casey emailed October's minutes to the board and brought copies for their review. David motioned to approve meeting minutes, Chantelle seconded, and motion passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report: We are halfway through the budget year with nearly 80% of our working/predictable income having been received at this point.

Budget Report: October closed out at \$122,475.45 with a gain of \$4,019.34 and having spent just over 49% of the budget.

Income: Year to date income received less expenses is \$12,936.75 with most of this month's income coming from the tax levy collection and new/renewal membership fees along with earned CD interest that was paid out.

Bills: Casey moved to approve Visa Debit Charges totaling \$86.78 from Amazon \$56.19 and Thrift Books \$30.59, and Becci seconded with the motion passing unanimously. Chantelle motioned to approve payment to Baker & Taylor for \$320.53, Becci seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Bills to Note: IL Dept. of Revenue \$103.25, Puzey & Wright \$145, US Treasury \$1,389.05, and IL Dept. of Security \$56.12.

Librarian's Report: See Christine's report for full account. Community survey resulted in only 43 responses and Christine is creating a matrix to view the results. Memorial donations were sent to the library on behalf of a longtime Homer patron, which resulted in learning that there was an error on the library's website for receiving monetary donations. This is in the process of being corrected. Becci and Christine met with the Homer mayor to discuss the library's relationship and history with the village and its funding. The RIFF distribution went well and we

had 143 students received books that day. With the library making itself available during Halloween and Election Day, it increased its visibility in the community and even gained a new membership during those hours. The Friends' Author Fair resulted in \$195 in book sales for RIFF funding and \$160 in donations to the library from author proceeds.

Old Business

Policy Review: Christine suggested that there is a need for a clearer social media policy guideline for moderating comments on the library's Facebook page.

Per Capita: Christine will recheck periodically to see if the questions have been opened for this year to begin working on the packet.

Plan Charitable Giving: Chantelle will link a QR code for the Library to receive donations from patrons through its website and also be used to share on social media platforms and future printed products.

Employee Evaluation Committee: Joey and Chantelle completed employee assessments and will be ready to discuss at next month's meeting. Christine stated she will continue to work with Sophie on learning new tasks.

New Business

Accept Troy Schiff's Board Member Resignation: Chantelle moved to accept Troy's resignation from the board and Becci seconded with motion passing unanimously.

New Trustee Ideas: Joe suggested looking over the patron registry for ideas of frequent local visitors and invested residents who may be interested in joining the board.

Summer Reading Materials: not released yet

Christmas in Homer: Homer's annual Christmas vendor event is on Sat. Dec 7 9am-2:00pm and the library is hosting Santa that morning so Christine will open the doors an hour early at 9:00am to allow visitors to get in line.

Adjourn: Becci moved to adjourn at 7:45pm and David seconded with unanimous approval.

Next monthly meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 10 @ 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Casey Phillips, Secretary