

The Friends of the Mount Carroll District Library. NFP
December 10, 2024

Present: Alan Rosenberg, Nancy Veith, Nancy Gmitro, Izzy Foltz, Anna Gray. Fayellen Sanetra & Carol Frey. Attending on zoom: Catherine Mahaney & Terry Tonon. President Alan Rosenberg welcomed everyone in attendance calling the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Upon review, Anna Gray motioned to accept the minutes as submitted with Fayelle Sanetra seconding. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Alan Rosenberg provided a Financial Summary for 2024 through November 30, 2024. The report showed a beginning balance of \$4,641.16, income to date, \$1744.89 and disbursed totals, \$2971.65 leaving a balance of \$3,414.40. With the purchase of a projector approximate funds available at year end would amount to \$2000. Alan will present the completed report for 2024 at the January meeting. Fayellen motioned to accept the report with Nancy Gmitro seconding. Motion passed.

Library Director's Report: Santa and Mrs. Claus's visit before the community tree lighting was well attended, with the visitors staying well over an hour. Story time was combined with the visit. For now Kid's Book is slotted as Kid's Chess meeting on Monday's at 4:00p.m. Story time, Lego Night, STEAM programs are during their normal times. Writing circle has some new participants. Nancy Gmitro's cooking class will meet on Saturday, the 14th at 10:00 a.m. with a focus on appetizers.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business:

Visual equipment for Library; After approval of the Trustees, Alan purchased a projector with a two year service program at the cost of \$70. With the purchase there is a ninety day return if unsatisfactory. If we were to keep it after trial usage, the possibility of purchasing a screen would make it more compatible.

Book sale in Library; Anna has volunteered to check the locked box for donations and will change up the shelves as necessary. After discussion, signage will be changed to donation instead of pricing. However, certain sets of more value will be priced as marked.

Raffle of donated photos; Fifty-eight tickets were sold along with several donations. All sales were turned in, and a final total made will be in the December report.

Friends 2025: With the completion of the new improved addition, what will our focus as "friends" be. And what was the response of the Board of Trustees? Alan will format the things the board has as suggestions for our group. Izzy's response was **more program based, team programming and expanded**

programming. She also suggested Thursday evenings and Saturday's for offering these.

Updates:

Illinois Road Scholar Programming; Anna reported that the programs she and Fayellen had chosen, Brian Fox, Audubon Bird website, no response and Catalina Maria Johnson, Chicago, responded, too far to travel, suggested a zoom format. Possibly Mark Smith, Poetry Slam or invite Chris Vallillo back, Civil Rights songs. Other possibilities mentioned included, an Earnest Hemingway program, Three Frenchmen and a Goat, and Band Uniforms. With the start of a new year more response and interest could occur.

New Business:

Election of Officers and Directors:

Nominations from the floor were as follows:

President, Anna Gray

Secretary, Carol Frey

Treasurer, Catherine Mahaney

with each of these Officers to serve as Directors as well.

Nancy Veith made motion to accept the names presented with Nancy Gmitro seconding. Motion passed.

Illinois Humanities: Alan reported that the Illinois Humanities Grant he submitted earlier was being reviewed. Criteria being looked for include *building an audience, art galleries, museum activities, be purposeful.*

Other: Anna would like to meet before the regular meeting either in person or on zoom to offer and report suggestions as to what major purpose we would like to achieve in 2025. Mentioned was Tuesday, January 7th at 2:00 p.m. Anna will set the day, time, format and place informing the group. Also an Audit Committee will be appointed for early February.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Nancy Veith with Anna Gray seconding. Adjourned @6:55 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 14, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Carol Frey