

The Friends of the Mount Carroll District Library, NFP
February 14, 2023

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

Alan Rosenberg, president, welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. the meeting was held at the temporary Library, 306 N. Main Street, Mount Carroll. Due to technical problems, the Zoom connection was unavailable.

Secretary's Report

Motion by Carol Frey, seconded by Catherine Mahaney, to accept the minutes of the January 10, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Terry Tonon, treasurer, reported that the checking account balance was \$3,255.14 as of January 31, 2023. Motion by Fayellen Sanetra, seconded by Catherine Mahaney to accept the January 2023 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Library Director's Report/Rehab and Expand Update

- In the absence of Pam Naples, Alan Rosenberg reported that light programming continues to be scheduled. Master Gardener Nancy Gmitro held a class on potpourri on Saturday at the Library and two book clubs met at the Library.
- Carpeting and painting are complete at the Library. The elevator has not arrived. The City of Mount Carroll will install a cement sidewalk, ADA accessible, when weather allows.
- The committee met and as yet there is no date for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Ideas are being explored at this time for the event that will be open to the public.
- Volunteers, including several Friends present, have volunteered to help dust and clean shelves and furniture.
- Alan reported that a fundraiser will be held in fall. Anna Gray indicated that files in the Friends' filing cabinet are available to review past events and suggestions.
- Alan announced that the new Children's Librarian will start on March 3.

Updates

- Alan reported that the committee has met and plans for the grand opening of the library are being discussed. The event will be open to the public.
- Terry Tonon, Grant Research Committee, will be discussing specific needs of the library with the Library Director and continues to research grant opportunities.
- Anna Gray reported that the May and September Road Scholar programs have been approved by the IL Humanities and are on the Library's calendar.
- Carol Frey announced that she had spoken with Emily Bressler, WC music teacher, and discussed the participation of the WC Jazz Band at the September Road Scholar program. Ms. Bressler suggested that the Stage Band be pursued since the program was at the beginning of the school year. Carol will follow up with contacting members of the Stage Band.

New Business

- Alan Rosenberg suggested a questionnaire for member input to be added to the annual Friends' membership letter. Discussion ensued. It was suggested that members bring ideas to the next meeting to be included in the questionnaire.
- Terry Tonon suggested that a poster about the purpose of Friends be created and distributed in the community.
- Anna Gray will update the media list and share with members.
- A discussion about creating a Facebook page ensued. The Library has a Facebook page and items may be sent to the Library Director to be posted.
- Members inquired about plans for a Tea Party event. Alan reported that he has contacted Cathy Hutchcraft.
- Inventory: The silver tea set and tote with paper goods/Alan Rosenberg, books & tables for the Farmer's Market/Catherine Mahaney, Bookshelf Quilt/Anna Gray.
- Anna Gray asked members to think about appetizers featuring bacon to serve at the May 18 Road Scholar event.
- Alan asked if the current canopy meets our needs for the Farmers' Market. More information will be shared after the Market starts this summer.

Adjournment

Motion by Terry Tonon, seconded by Catherine Mahaney to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m., at the temporary Library, 306 N. Main Street, Mount Carroll.

Meeting will also be available in Zoom format with invitation sent by email by Pam Naples, Library Director.