

Friends of the Bennington Area Libraries, Inc.

Wednesday, January 8, 2020 Meeting Agenda

Introductions: Secretary's Report: Treasurer's Report:

Remaining Library Slush Fund: \$1367 **Librarian's Report:**

Agenda Items:

- **Picture- Husker** still trying to decide the best way to sell this picture.
- **March 14th Lion's Rib Feed** we provide the desserts. Email will be sent to members to ask for donated items, pie, cookies, bars, packaged single serving sizes.
- **Restaurant FundRaising:** February 27th 4-9 Raising Cane's 130th and Maple soon. Plan for another one late spring
- **National Library Week** is April 19-25 with Library Give Day on the 22nd. Do we want to coordinate with the library and do something? Close to the anniversary date of the Library.
- **Summer Reading Program:** Theme is "IMAGINE YOUR STORY" . Need coordinator to solicit donations to help cover the costs of Family Park Party and continuing the books purchased for the completed summer readers.
 - Coordinate with the librarians to make a parade entry for Bennington Daze.
 - Place an ad to advertise Summer Reading Program and Book Sale in the quarterly Chamber of Commerce Postcard that will be mailed in May.(cost approx. \$300)
- **Friends promotional merchandise?** T-Shirts, book marks, coffee mugs, water bottle ???

Friends- Sponsored Library Events

Request to sponsor Author/illustrator Bruce Arant *Simpson's Sheep Won't Go To Sleep!* and *Simpson's Sheep Just Want to Sleep!* **Discussions:**

- **NEED a PR person to promote the FOL events,** update web site, facebook, contact schools, print flyers and distribute around town.
- Halloween Party: This year include a time for autistic children.
- Santa's Workshop
- Open House today
- BrainStorm about future new opportunities that the Friends could be helping with the library. New programs, adult interest?, teens? Getting the community more involved.

Upcoming Events:

Restaurant Fundraising: FEB 27th 4-9p 12930 West Maple in front of Target Lions
Rib Feed March 14th National Library Give Day April 22 Omaha Gives May 20, 2020

Next meeting: Monday, May 4th, 7:00p at the Library