

Friends of the Bennington Area Libraries, Inc.

Tuesday, September 13th. Meeting Agenda

Introductions:

Secretary's Report:

Treasurer's Report: Remaining Library Slush Fund:

Bennington Gives Speaker: Dee Clark

Old Business

- **Picture- Husker** sold for \$350 to Dani Bishay. Thank you Dani.
- **Report on Book Sale? Bennington Daze Parade**
 - Key club volunteers and other library volunteers were essential to the set up and running of the Book Sale. Their help was invaluable! What great hard workers!
 - Total funds collected from free will donations: \$2311
 - Amount of money spent on parade supplies: \$78 candy
- **Summer Reading Program:** Theme was ""Tales to Tails".
 - Placed an ad to advertise Summer Reading Program and Book Sale in the quarterly Chamber of Commerce Postcard cost of \$255.
 - Motion to pay up to \$1000 paid to sponsor the Community Projects program.
 - Request to sponsor Author/illustrator Bruce Arant *Simpson's Sheep Won't Go To Sleep!* and *Simpson's Sheep Just Want to Sleep!* \$300
 - *Wildlife Adventures* \$295
 - *Art class*
 - *Barreras Family Farm* \$250
 - *Center Stage Dance* \$100
- **Efforts to increase membership:**
 - During the book sale, we handed out approx. 250 business cards and talked to over 100 prospective members. Business Cards purchased at a cost of \$53.50
 - Angie emailed letter encouraging members to bring a friend, renew memberships, get involved
 - Display at the Summer Reading Finale.
 - Meeting notification in the Gazette, on KMTV3 and Bennington City Community, KIOS, Library Calendar, article in Gazette
 - HyVee Family Fun Fest in August, purchased a door prize,
 - Emailed meeting reminder, bring a friend reminder and agenda to lifetime members and past members
 - Handed out flyers at the Bennington Farmers market
 - Emailed school principals to include a note about the meeting in the weekly newsletter.
 - Sent flyers home with Daycare kids
 - Presentation during the Storytime.
 - Membership drive each February?

- **Discovery Kits** Follow up on items purchased, and payment \$500 from a grant and \$990 from Friends
- **Landscape:** \$30,000 in city budget. How much has been spent?

Discussions:

- Recognition Party for Joanne Mancuso resigning from the library. She did preschool and elementary programming. Party was held after her last story time, July 29th. Fruit, snacks and water bottles(with labels advertising the Friends organization) were served.(\$112) We want to thank Joanne for her 8 years of service to the Library. Thank You Joanne!
- Motion on the table not seconded purchasing patron self scanning machines.

New Business:

- **September 24th Lion's Rib Feed**
 - We provide the Bake Sale.
- Website domain will no longer be free if we continue with Joshua Huang it will be \$100 a year
- Bennington Gives: Do we want to purchase door prizes? Have a project goal to purchase?
- Chamber of Commerce postcard mailing in December: do we want to put in an ad about the March meeting?
- Election of officers at the March Meeting. Form a committee to find candidates willing to run.
- Policy to give \$10 per year of employment to library employees that retire, or resign their position. (What we have been doing)
- Policy to gift current library employees at Christmas time and during National Library Week, \$25 each. (What we have been doing)
- Discuss Librarians Wish List.
- Additional Items to report from the Librarians.
- Halloween Party: This year include a time for autistic children.
- Santa's Workshop: This year include a time for autistic children.
- Other new business.
- **NEED a PR person to promote the FOL events**, update web site, facebook, contact schools, print flyers and distribute around town.

Upcoming Events:

Next meeting: Second Tuesday of the Month: **Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 7:00p at the Library**