

Friends of the Lakes Regional Library

General Meeting

Friday, January 9, 2015

**President Jane Ann Kennedy called the meeting to order at 11:35 A.M.
Jane Ann Kennedy welcomed the new members.**

Minutes of Last Meeting—Carla Webb

The minutes of the November 14, 2014 meeting and the December 12, 2014 meeting were read by Carla Webb.

President's Report—Jane Ann Kennedy

President Jane Ann Kennedy asked for a volunteer to audit the treasurer's books for 2014. She also reported the position of Historian was eliminated. Pictures will be put on the website.

Showcase is filled by Julie Laffargue through May. There is a need for a new person to make sure that the Showcase is not empty.

Report—Len Ahlfeld

As of December 31, 2014, the Administrative Account balance is \$1,898.32. The Gift Fund balance as of December 31, 2014 is \$16,636.14. The total funds available are \$18,534.46.

Len also reported that the Nook took in \$1,774.05. The membership took in \$795.00 and the Friends gave \$2,000 to the Reading Festival.

Library Report—Jill Horrom

Jill Horrom reported there were 50,529 patrons, 643 were visitors, at Lakes Regional Library for the year 2014. There were 73,540 items checked out. She also thanked the Friends for paying the rental for the Story time Garden. Jill reported that Karen Cavlen was the new Reference person. At this time the library is in the process of filling the job of Library Assistant.

Jill also reminded members that the SWFL Reading Festival will be March 21, 2015.

Jill shared a big card that the children attending the Children's programs made to thank the Friends of Lakes Regional Library for the money given to help support these programs.

Jill took questions from the floor. A question was asked about the DVD collection. Jill answered that the collection is what the patrons want. Everything

returned to Lakes Regional Library stays. She went on to say that Lakes is one of the busiest libraries in Fort Myers.

Nook Arrangements –Anita Jenkins

Income from the nook is excellent, given that books are only \$1.00. She also asked for two more volunteers for the Big Book Sale.

Display Case—Julie Laffargue

For February, the display theme is Cupie Dolls.

Focus—Len Ahlfeld

Len asked that information for the Focus be in Word and that the deadline is the 15th of the month.

Historian—

Position has been eliminated .

Lunch—Flo Morris

Flo reported that everything was going fine. She reminded the members that they need to make their reservations on time. She can take reservations up to Wednesday before the Friday meeting. Reservations are turned into Jason's on Thursday morning.

Membership—Pat Davidson

Pat reported that there are 203 members of Friends of the Lakes Regional Library. See attached sheet for more information on new members and renewals.

Program—Cindy Ahrens

Cindy noted that the speaker for January is W.C. Highfield, author of *Sanibel's Secret Bank* had arrived. Programs' schedule will also be on the website, www.friendsoflakeslibrary.org . Cindy also asked the members to give her any leads on local authors for future dates.

Publicity—Ginny Testa (Absent)

A request was made by Jane Ann Kennedy for an assistant for Ginny Testa.
While she is doing a fantastic job, she needs help particularly when she is out of town.

Volunteers—Jane Ann Kennedy
Snowbirds are back! Things are going fine.

Website—Anita Jenkins
Anita asked if anyone knew a graphic designer or anyone who can make some posters. Also reported 800 hits on the website.

Old Business -- Jane Ann Kennedy
Jane Ann asked for a volunteer to audit the books for 2014.

New Business –Jane Ann Kennedy
Book sale is on January 24, 2015. Jane Ann also talked about tickets to Gone with the Wind Museum.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:07 P.M.
Next meeting February 13, 2015

Respectfully submitted
Carla Webb, Secretary