

Friends of the Lakes Regional Library

General Meeting

Friday, February 13, 2015

President Jane Ann Kennedy called the meeting to order at 11:45 A.M.

Jane Ann Kennedy welcomed the new members.

Minutes of Last Meeting—Carla Webb

Carla Webb read the minutes of the January 9, 2015 meeting.

President's Report—Jane Ann Kennedy

No Report

Treasurer's Report—Len Ahlfeld

Len reported that the Big Book Sale made \$4,253.50. The Book Nook sales made \$2,197.00 . The balance as of January 31, 2015 for the Administrative Account is \$3,565.45. The Gift Fund Account as of January 31, 2015, total funds is \$20,707.96. Total funds available as of January 31, 2015 are \$24, 273.41.

Len also reported receiving a letter from the Community Foundation with a check for \$500.00 to the SWFL Reading Festival.

Library Report—Jill Horrom

Jill reported that in the month of January Lakes Regional Library had a circulation of 86,216 and 91 visitor cards.

We have approximately 20,000 DVD. She also reported that this library does 20% of the total circulation per month. This large amount is partly due to the location of Lakes Regional Library. As for the staffing here, Jill hopes to have the library fully staffed by summer.

Jill asked for questions from the members. A member asked how many libraries are there in Lee County. Jill reported 13 libraries and 1 bookmobile.

Nook Arrangements –Anita Jenkins

Anita reported that the Nook took in over \$2,000 last month. She asked for book donations to fill the shelves and the book storage. She also reported that the Nook does not take magazines. They do take DVD's and CD's. A member asked what happens to the money the Nook makes on sales. Anita and President Jane Ann answered by naming all the ways the money is spent. The main point is the money made stays at the Lakes Regional Library.

Display Case—Julie Laffargue

No Report

Focus—Len Ahlfeld

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

Lunch—Flo Morris

Flo asked for people who have out of state cell phones to leave a message giving their name, phone number and a brief message and she would return their call.

Membership—Pat Davidson

Pat reported that as of February 13, 2015 she has recorded 168 memberships for 2015. There are 16 Lifetime memberships. In December Lorie DiNcola and in January, Bill and Laurie Edens were added as Lifetime members. Since the January meeting there have been 14 new individual memberships and 2 new family memberships. There have been 58 individual and family renewals since the January meeting. Pat also asked the members to make sure she has their correct email.

Program—Cindy Ahrens

Cindy reported that all the programs for 2015 are booked and she has started on the programs for 2016. She asked if members knew of local authors that would be interesting to contact her.

Publicity—Ginny Testa (Absent)

No Report

Volunteers—Jane Ann Kennedy

Jane Ann reported that the Nook staffing was fine.

Website—Anita Jenkins

Cindy announced that Mary Fisher has volunteered to be our administrator for our Facebook account.

Old Business -- Jane Ann Kennedy

No Report

New Business –Jane Ann Kennedy

Jane Ann explained to the members why we have an hour, 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch. She suggested that members visit with each other and meet new members during the lunch hour. This time also allows the presenter to set up a display.

Jane Ann announced that the date for the Volunteer Tea is February 27, 2015. This tea is to honor the volunteers from the library and the Nook.

The next meeting is March 13, 2015

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted
Carla Webb, Secretary**