



Minutes for General Membership Meeting
Friday, May 12, 2017

President Jane Ann Kennedy called the meeting to order at 11:30 A.M. There were 18 members and 2 potential members in attendance. There were no guests. The following business was conducted:

Minutes of the April 14, 2017 meeting were approved as read.

President's Report: Jane Ann welcomed Carrie MacDonald and congratulated her on her new position as Principal Librarian. A note was read thanking the Friends for their support of the 2017 Reading Festival. An overview of the Reading Festival was included with Margie's note. Jane Ann had the overview available after the meeting for the personal perusal of members. Jane Ann addressed the need for an extra volunteer in the English Café on Monday evenings. Interested member are asked to contact Jane Ann individually for more information.

Treasurer's Report: Len Ahlfeld reported a balance, as of April 30, 2017, of \$2151.60 in the Administrative Account and a balance of \$31,676.62 in the Gift Fund Account, giving the organization a total balance of \$33,828.22.

Library Report: Carrie MacDonald reported the following:

Staffing: Some staff changes are in process. Interviews are currently underway for positions vacated due to job restructuring in the Lee County Library System.

Collections: Lakes YTD circulation is 391,943. April circulation was 83,781. Inventory begins this month. 418 new cards have been issued this past month.

Programs: Youth Summer Program will be here soon. *Building a Better World* is the theme. It will begin May 22 and run through August 9 serving children and teens. An adult summer reading program is also being planned.

Carrie thanked Friends for their support on all these summer projects.

Committee Reports:

Nook: Anita encouraged members to keep donations coming in. Despite having the Nook shelves filled and back-up books stored in the closet, there is still a need for books for the Annual Book Sale.

Display Case: Lucy was absent, but it was reported that the June display case will be done by Chrissie in conjunction with the summer reading program.

Focus: Len reported that the June Focus will be the last of the season. Articles are due to him by May 26.

Lunch: Marge reported all being well with lunches.

Membership: Pat reported 210 members, including Lifetime Members as of today. Since April she has received one renewal and 2 new members.

Program: Cindy reminded membership that today was our season finale, but assured us of an exciting season ahead starting in September. She encouraged the marking of calendars for January 2019 when Robert Macomber will be presenting, once again.

Publicity: no report given

Volunteers: Jane Ann reported that all positions are filled.

Website: Mary electronically reported a decline in web traffic, attributing that to the end of season here in Florida.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business: There was none.

The next meeting will be September 8, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 A.M..

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary