**Friends of the Powers Memorial Library Meeting**

**February 13, 2018**

**6:00 pm**

**Call to order:** 6:00

**Members present:** President Lori, Vice-President Lauren, Secretary Carol, Carolyn, Juli, and Library Director Laura

**Minutes of last meeting:** Approved as written.

**Public Comment (Limit to 10 minutes):** None

**Finance Report**

**Current checkbook balance:** $9694.94

**Budget:** Reviewed and unchanged.

**Directors Report:** Circulation was up last month, over 5% from the previous January. 10 new library cards were issued, and 167 people attended the 31 programs held. Beautiful Libraries Transform Posters have been displayed.

Upcoming programs in March include Narcan Training on March 7th at 6pm. Student artwork will be showcased at Gallery Night on March 8th from 4-7pm. The Library will also host a Resume Clinic on March 23rd, from 1-3pm.

The heat tapes installed on the roof to prevent ice on the ramp have failed. Laura has notified the DPW. This will also be discussed at the next Library Board meeting on Feb. 19th. Julie Powell will be replacing Kathy Weiss on the Library Board.

Library Intern Emily is doing a great job. Among other things, she helped Laura get a sewing machine working. 50 postcards will be mailed to patrons who have not been in the library for the last 6 months.

**Committee Reports:**

**Book Sale:** Set-up - April 25th, Book Sale - 26-30th, clean-up - May 1st.

**Fundraiser ideas:** Possibly a 50/50 fundraiser at Family Fun Night.

 **Recruitment ideas to increase The Friends membership count:**

Invite a friend to the Friends meeting – perhaps participants in the Book Club.

**Other items that come to the Friends attention:**

 **501(c) (3):** Tabled.

 **Bench installation update:** In the spring.

 **Chamber of Commerce meeting:** Juli is now the treasurer. Holly de Back is the new

vice-president. She runs a PR company and is trying to get more people involved in the

 Chamber and the community.

 **Annual Chamber dues due:** Juli will let us know if our FOL dues are paid.

 **Snacks:** Carolyn

 **FaceBook page update:** The administrative password is needed to remove it.

 **Communications:** Melissa Garlock has offered to donate car washes for the Garden

Walk.

 **Director’s wish list:** Laura would like to purchase new shelving for young adult books

in the Maker Space area. Also, installing kitchen cabinets and counters for storage would

 make the space more functional and appealing for groups who may want to use the

 facility. The cost would be approximately $4000. Laura will do further research.

**Other:**  Carolyn is volunteering to run a children’s Geography Club at the Library during the summer.

**Suggestions for next agenda:**  Book Sale

**Set date for next meeting:** March 13th

**Adjournment:** 6:56