**Friends of the Powers Memorial Library**

**Meeting March 13, 2018**

**6:00 pm**

**Call to order:** 6:00pm

**Members present:** President Lori, Vice-President Lauren, Treasurer Connie, 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 check book balance:** $9,719.97

**Budget:** Carol moved and Carolyn seconded that the 2018 budget for $3,475 be approved as written. Motion passed.

**Correspondence:** NA

**Directors Report:** February circulation was up 188 from February 2017. 30 programs were held with a total attendance of 219, double that of last year at this time. 9 new cards were taken out this month. The children’s area downstairs is being reorganized and cleaned up. Shelves are being moved and some will be left over for the Makerspace area which the DPW will install.

 A Fine Forgiveness Week will take place from April 2-7. People who bring in food for the food pantry will have a dollar taken off their overdue fines.

 While Emily finished her library internship, she set up an Amazon Sellers account. Seven books are listed for sale with a possible total profit of $200.

 Since the school district will not be running any summer school this year, the Library is planning a number of summer programs. Daily as well as drop-in programs are being developed. A weekly cooking club with the support from the Healthy Community Network will be started for kids. A portion of the CSA will be provided so that children can be taught some basic kitchen skills and healthy eating.

 The summer’s reading theme is Libraries Rock. The Baboushka Babes will be rescheduled for June, and the Community Band will be playing at Family Fun Night in August. Discussion followed regarding who could be contacted for music performance in July.

**Committee Reports**

**Book Sale:** Connie passed out a work schedule for sign-up. Lauren showed flyers she has printed to be distributed in Palmyra. She also put the notice on various websites, sent it to area libraries, and gave it to newspapers.

**Fundraiser ideas**

**Ideas to utilize raffle license throughout the year:** None at this time.

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

 **Invite a friend to the Friends meeting**

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

 **501(c) (3):** We have completed the beginning steps.

 **Bench Installation Update:** Jeff will install it in the Spring.

 **Chamber of Commerce Meeting:** Juli reported that Angela Villela spoke about the Healthy Community Network. Chamber members’ survey results showed suggestions such as more print advertising needed, etc. There was discussion about whether college scholarships and downtown Christmas tree lights should be continued. A committee will be formed to winnow down ideas from the survey results. The name of the Street Dance will be changed to Chamber Party in the Park.

 **Communications:** Emails were received asking for donations to the Healthy Community Network, announcing the Lioness’s Create and Sip on March 31st, and advertising the PE-FFA fundraiser at Cornerstone on March 17th @7pm.

 **Facebook Page—Admin Password:** Still looking for it

 **Director’s Wish List:** Laura will give us options at our next meeting.

 **Snacks:** Laura

**Suggestions for next agenda:** Raffle ideas, tickets and other details for Garden Walk.

**Set date for next meeting:** April 10th

**Adjournment:** 6:59pm