**Friends of the Powers Memorial Library**

**Meeting April 10, 2018**

**6:00 pm**

**Call to order:** 6:02pm

**Members present:** President Lori, Vice-President Lauren, Treasurer Connie, Secretary Carol, Rebecca, Library Director Laura, and guest Pat Zimmerman

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

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

**Finance Report**

**Current check book balance:** $9,879.96

**Budget:** $175.01 expended and $365.00 received

**Correspondence:** NA

**Directors Report:** Circulation is up 8.5% in March from last year. Melody has attractively rearranged the Children’s area. The gray book shelves are now lining the east wall of the Maker Space. Shelving from Home Depot for the north wall will be coming soon. Melody is leaving tomorrow for a job in Milwaukee County.

Work Force Development will be providing technology help twice a month. The Healthy Community Network will supply food for the weekly cooking program. 23 people participated in Fine Forgiveness.

A Tea Party is scheduled for May 12th, 10-noon. Tea, snacks and crafts for people of all ages will be provided. The Babushka Babes will be rebooked in June. Family Fun Fest is scheduled for Thursday, August 9th.

**Committee Reports**

**Book Sale:** April 25th-30th. Customers will pay $.25 for paperbacks, $1 for hard cover books, $5 for a bag of books, and $1 for DVD’s. There will be a boutique section again with newer, more highly priced books.

Flyers are distributed, and press releases to newspapers are out. Abundant leftovers can be donated to Books for the World. Girls Scouts will be here to set up at 3pm on the 25th. The banner is also displayed outside.

A question was asked regarding the donation of games or puzzles for the Book Sale. This has not been tried in the past. A puzzle swap was also mentioned as an idea to consider.

**Garden Walk:** Saturday, June 16th. The Palmyra Environmental Center is lined up, but no other gardens have been confirmed yet. Tickets sell for $10. Give Lori any other suggestions for gardens that you have.

Lauren volunteered to buy raffle items for baskets and others can keep their eyes open too. The raffle permit has been renewed so the tickets could be purchased soon. Lori is again sponsoring the ticket purchase.

**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):** What we have already accomplished is sufficient for our current needs.

**Bench Installation Update:** DPW will install it soon.

**Chamber of Commerce Meeting:** Maxwell Street Days is being planned for the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend. It would feature street vendors, live music, face painting, etc. The Friends were asked if they wanted to do a Chili Cook-Off. After discussion, it was proposed that a Book Sale and possible lemonade stand would be more manageable and appropriate.

The next Chamber meeting is April 12th at 6pm with a social at 5:30 at the Cornerstone. A blood drive will be held on April 27th from 1:30-5:30 at the high school. The Village’s Electronic Waste Event is being held on April 21st from 8-noon at 430 Jefferson Street.

**Communications:** None

**Facebook Page—Admin Password:** Not needed. Friends can be invited to events via

the Library’s Facebook Page.

**Director’s Wish List:** The counter top will be picked up soon and costs less than $200.

**Snacks:** Lauren

**Suggestions for next agenda:** Book Sale wrap-up, Garden Walk

**Set date for next meeting:** May 8th

**Adjournment:** 7:15