

Friends of the Van Alstyne Public Library

In Attendance: Bob Hendricks, Grady Ebensberger, Paige Crail, Vicky Cupit, Diane Windsor, Doti Izzi, Lee Dahlen, Deb Dahlen, Brandy Schoener, Judy Kimzey, Deja James, Alisha Crump, Jenniezas Balderas (State Farm)

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm by Bob Hendricks.

Approval of Minutes

October minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion to approve made by Brandy Schoener. Seconded by Vicky Cupit. Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report

No treasurer's report due to Ellie's illness. Get better soon Ellie; we miss you! Officers will come up with a plan to track finances as best we can in her absence.

Business Discussion:

Elections: Bob Hendricks moved to nominate all current officers for another term. Approved by a unanimous vote. President: Bob Hendricks, VP: Grady Ebensberger, Treasurer: Ellie Whiteside, Secretary: Paige Crail, Historian: Vicky Cupit

Cars & Coffee: Decided to continue working Cars & Coffee events. Next date is Saturday March 4. Vicky and Paige will support. Bob to help coordinate table set up. Discussed bringing a tent covering for hot weekends, and Judy Kimzey offered the use of the library's tent any time it's needed.

Monthly Funds Targets: Received a check from State Farm Quotes for good. Amazon Smile is going away. It's time to renew our memberships! Paige to post a reminder to Facebook page. Targets for corporate sponsors:

John Deere/United Ag

Texas Bank

Bill Benton

AirView

Jim Campbell

Paw in the Family

Spring Book Fair: Dates will be April 27-29. Looking into scheduling the Boy Scouts to help move books on Monday. Cadence Bank employees have agreed to help with set up again. Vicky is looking into raffle prizes (Texas Rangers tickets, Fishing tour, spa gift card, etc)

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Bricks: Falls under the purview of the city. The Friends are searching for a source for bricks and a brick engraver. Ron Price did brick laying before. Diane will look into options and will keep Bob in the loop.

Library Director's Report

Door count is up 7%. Circulation is up 31%. New patrons are up 62% (47 new library cards). Story times are going great on Wednesdays. The group has gotten so large, they are considering splitting it in two.

Reviewed the proposed 2023 Budget. Received \$1000 donation in memory of Connor Williams. With the proposed budget, the library will need \$11,697.37 from the Friends of the Library for 2023.

Roundtable Discussions and Announcements:

None

Adjournment and Next Meeting Announcement

Meeting was adjourned by Bob Hendricks after a motion to adjourn from Deja James was seconded by Grady Ebensberger. Next meeting will be March 28, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Paige Crail, Secretary