Friends of the Van Alstyne Public Library

In Attendance: Grady Ebensberger, Vicky Cupit, Deja James, Alisha Crump, Judy Kimzey, Diane Windsor, Lee Dahlen, Deb Dahlen, Paige Crail, Maria Haines, Abraham Rodriguez

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Grady Ebensberger

Approval of Minutes

February minutes were reviewed and approved pending the incorporation of changes suggested by Judy Kimzey to notes on the brick fundraiser. Motion to approve made by Deja James. Seconded by Deb Dahlen. Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report

No treasurer's report due to Ellie's illness. Get better soon Ellie; we miss you! Secretary Paige Crail or President Bob Hendricks to deposit checks during her absence. All checks will be photographed and sent to the treasurer's email account. Paige Crail is maintaining a spreadsheet of PayPal and check deposits for the interim. Judy Kimzey noted that most of the library purchases can be made using the account debit card.

Business Discussion:

<u>Cars & Coffee</u>: March Cars & Coffee was well attended and netted \$82 in donations. Next date is Saturday April 1. Maria & Diane will run the Friends table.

<u>Monthly Funds Targets</u>: Thanks to the facilitation of the Dahlens, corporate sponsor donations were received from the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. Judy Kimzey is in touch with Texas Bank about renewing their sponsorship for 2023.

Group agreed that the correct terminology for any corporate donor will now be "Corporate Sponsor" rather than "Corporate Member." Paige Crail to contact Laura and have the website updated accordingly.

Judy shared her latest and greatest powerpoint presentation for potential Corporate Sponsors. Discussed what benefits we have to offer our sponsors and how we can document and communicate that more clearly.

<u>Spring Book Fair:</u> Dates will be April 27-29. Tables need to be set up Monday prior to book drop off by the Scouts. Vicky is in communication with the Boy Scouts to arrange for moving books from storage to community center. 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). Paige will send out an email communication the week before to highlight what times volunteers are needed to get set up.

Bricks: Diane briefed the group on her findings this month. Maybe groups doing similar fundraisers now order engraved bricks from online suppliers. The city of Roanoke was happy to share an

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example used in their town. Bricks will go to Dorothy Fielder park and to the new city park being built on Kelly Ln.

Library Director's Report

Door count is up 12%. Circulation is only slightly down (6%). Ebook circulation is up 28%. New patrons are down 27%, but there was still an increase of 34 new library cards.

Roundtable Discussions and Announcements:

None

Adjournment and Next Meeting Announcement

Meeting was adjourned by Grady Ebesnberger after a motion to adjourn from Vicky Cupit was seconded by Deb Dahlen. Next meeting will be April 25, 2023 at 6 p.m. Group communication will be sent out via email if the meeting is turned into a working meeting to set up the book fair.

Respectively submitted, Paige Crail, Secretary