

Approved 10/21/2021
FRIENDS OF EPLS KEYSTONE

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 16, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
EPLS Keystone Branch

Members Present

Kathy Burrer; Marcia DeJonge; Eileen French; Sylvia Hack; Mary Karleskint; Cindy Klinect; Aaron McElwain; Sandra McElwain; Marilyn Offenber; Marianne Sommerfelt; Wendi Zwaduk

Library Staff Appreciation Basket

Before the meeting was called to order, the Friends presented the Library Staff with an appreciation basket of goodies.

CALL TO ORDER

Aaron McElwain, President, called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from July 15, 2021 Meeting – Mary Karleskint, Secretary

Kathy Burrer motioned to approve the July 15, 2021 minutes. Wendi Zwakuk seconded the motion. Vote on the Motion: Unanimous Approval.

REPORTS

President's Report – Aaron McElwain

Next Friends' Meeting – The next EPLS Friends of Keystone meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2021.

Completion of Picnic Table and Plaque in Memory of Mary Klocek – The picnic table and the plaque are in place at the Keystone Library.

Status of Friends' Membership Tree – Aaron reported that he has not had an opportunity to start on the membership tree. He plans to work on the trunk this fall. The Friends will need to come up with a date to get together and put the leaves on the membership tree.

Treasurer's Report – Iris Tewksbury

Aaron reported for Iris in her absence. The treasury balance is \$25,744.30.

Membership Report – Wendi Zwaduk

Wendi reported that we currently have 15 Lifetime Members, 25 Yearly Members, and 8 Corporate Members (2 which are Lifetime). Our newest members are: Kathy Cather; Barbara Harper; Theresa Henderson, and the Trakas Family (Tyler, Courtney, Caidy)

At this time in the meeting, Kathy Burrer mentioned that the Friends of the EPLS Library were passing out bookmarks at their fall book sale. The bookmark read, "The only way to have a Friend is to become one (quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson). Please join." Kathy thought it might be a good idea for the Friends of the EPLS Keystone Branch to have some type of clever remark for their book sale bookmark to promote joining their Friends' membership.

Sunshine Committee Report – Linda Chapin

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Wendi reported for Linda in her absence. A get-well card will be sent to Kathy Burrer.

EPLS Director's Report and Retirement Celebration

Lyn was not present to give the Friends a report. Aaron announced that EPLS is holding a celebration of Lyn's achievements and retirement at an open house of the new Central Branch (located at 211 Second Street) from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. on Friday, October 15, 2021. Aaron emailed EPLS invitation to the Friends of the EPLS Keystone Branch.

OLD BUSINESS

Feedback on EPLS Keystone Branch Grand Opening and Community Movie Night at Lions Park (Saturday, August 14, 2021)

It was a beautiful day and evening for both events. Approximately 50 library patrons showed up at the Grand Opening, though we expected a better turnout. The ponies were a nice touch for the children. The event was nice and well received. Seventy-five (plus or minus) folks from the community showed up for the movie night. Everyone had a good time, really enjoyed the movie, and the children were able to run around in the field. Unfortunately, the food trucks fell through. We had to scramble to prepare and buy food for the event. It actually ended up that we had quite a bit of leftovers. The Lions Club manned a lot of things during the event. We ran out of time to contact all the local business for donations. Fortunately, the event didn't cost the Friends anything and it gave us a lot of visibility.

Feedback on Library Raffle Basket Drawing – Wendi Zwaduk

Wendi reported that there were 70 raffle basket entries between the adult's and children's baskets. A lot of the entries were families. Julie Alexander won the adult basket, and Elijah Overstreet won the school supply basket.

Book Nook Book Club Snacks (First Meeting September 20, 2021) – Wendi Zwaduk

Wendi reported that she checked with the following local bakers on cost estimates in purchasing cookies for the Book Nook Book Club monthly meetings: Blowing Oak Farm and Bakery; K'n'J Bakery; Cawley's Confections; and IGA. Blowing Oak Farm and Bakery will be making a dozen chocolate chip cookies and a dozen sugar cookies (with the Friends' logo on them) for September's meeting. It looks like we will have to go with a budget of at least \$25 a month.

Books and Brunch Spring 2022 (Tentative Date Saturday, April 23, 2022) – Wendi Zwaduk

There was no new business to report at this time.

Book Collection and Sorting – Wendi Zwaduk

Wendi reported that for the month of August 2,273 books were sorted and moved to the storage room. We currently have a total of 20,117 books in storage (not counting dvd's, cd's, puzzles, and games).

2021 Book Sale (November 15-16 Set Up; November 18-21 Sale) – Wendi Zwaduk

The Friends agreed to dedicate the bulk of the October meeting to discussing details of setting up and manning the book sale.

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New Banner for Friends of EPLS Keystone Library Branch – Wendi Zwaduk

Wendi reported that she bought a new banner (made by corporate member Z Graphics). We were able to use it at the Grand Opening. It looks really nice. Old Time Candy (another corporate member) provided us with a lot a candy for the Grand Opening. We can use the leftover candy at our book sale in November.

Advertisement for the Keystone Library Branch – Friends’ Facebook Page – Wendi Zwaduk

Wendi reported that, for the month of August, the following promotional postings were made to the EPLS Keystone Friends’ Facebook Page: August 8-14 was a week of library history; and, during the period of August 14 – 30, advertisement for the library basket raffles were posted every day (including posting photos of the two winners). September is Library Card Sign-up Month and National Wilderness Month. October will be Friends of the Library month.

NEW BUSINESS

Methodist Church “Trunk-or-Treat”

Cindy reported that a date has not been set for the “Trunk-or-Treat” event. The Friends reported that they haven’t even heard of any other ones in town as of yet.

Tree Lighting in December

Wendi mentioned that “Believe, Dream, and Dare, would like to have a Winter Princess at the Keystone Branch Tree Lighting in December. We could have cookies and hot chocolate like Lyn mentioned to us. We don’t have a meeting in November (due to the book sale). Maybe we should start thinking about what we want to do for the tree lighting.

Election of Officers for 2022

The Friends need to start preparing for election of officers. A committee will need to form soon.

Charter License

Eileen mentioned that the Friends will need to renew their charter license by April 2022. The cost last time was around \$50.00. Linda Chapin is familiar with the renewal process.

ADJOURNMENT

Kathy Burrer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Marilyn Offenberg seconded the motion. Vote on the motion: Unanimous Approval. Aaron McElwain, President, adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Karleskint, Secretary 09/18/2021