

FRIENDS OF EMBRY HILLS LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
December 13, 2016

ATTENDEES: Charlene Johnson, Sandy White, Lyn Conley, Libby Howze, Judy Wieder, Carmen Ashley, Lowell Sever, Deborah Stone, Leah Robin

Leah Robin called meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Treasurer's report: Lyn Conley, Treasurer, reported that we will end 2016 in the black. Lyn also shared a letter from the library staff thanking the board for the money provided for books and staff development.

Minutes: Minutes from the October meeting were presented. Lyn Conley moved and Judy Wieder seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion unanimously passed. Charlene Johnson, Secretary, reported that there are 30 members currently in Friends of Embry Hills Library. This is a low number of members compared to previous years.

Programming: Carmen Ashley, Program Chair, reported that she is having difficulty scheduling an after school program with the principal at Pleasantdale Elementary. Carmen shared that she has done a lot of research on Essential Oils. She felt that there is not enough research on its use to recommend endorsement of it. Judy Wieder reported that she has spoken to the Essential Oil speaker at Tucker Library. The women indicated that she is not interested in speaking at Embry Hills Library. Libby Howze would like to see some groups volunteer at Networks, an organization that helps underprivileged. Sandy White recommended that we put bags of books together and take them to schools to give to children.

Branch Manager's Report: Deborah Stone reported that the library hours have been extended. Beginning January 1st, the library will be open from 10 am to 5 pm on Friday and Saturday. To celebrate the extended hours, there will be a Popcorn and Movie on January 7th; the first Saturday the library will be open.

Deborah also announced that the library will have an Islamic Exhibit on April 23rd.

Deborah handed out a form for nominating the “Most Beautiful Library”.

Deborah encouraged everyone to nominate Embury Hills Library.

Deborah also made members aware of the “Seeds to Grow and Bring Back” program the library is sponsoring. The seeds are available at the checkout desk.

Deborah shared a letter she received from Alison Wessinger, Director DeKalb Co. Library, congratulating the board on their campaign to extend library hours as well as all the things we contribute to the library.

Deborah shared some of the books the board has purchased for the library and gave Lyn Conley the invoice for the new laminator the board purchased for the library.

Old Business: Judy Wieder, Ways and Means Chair, reported on the results of the October Book Sale. 110 boxes of books were sold and we made \$1,200. This was the second highest amount raised.

Judy also shared some of the comments she received about the sale:

1) Books should be in ABC order - More volunteers would be needed to do this

2) Some of the vendors were rude - Someone will address the vendors and let them know that rude behavior will not be tolerated

3) When “Bag of Books” begins, there should be a verbal announcement.

Judy will make a verbal announcement at the next sale.

New Business: Slate of officers for 2017 was presented:

President - Leah Robin

Vice President - Carmen Ashley

Treasurer - Lyn Conley

Secretary - Charlene Johnson

Ways & Means - Judy Wieder

Judy moved and Libby seconded that the slate of officers as presented be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Dates for Spring Book Sale were discussed. Board discussed some options: 1) have only one book sale a year 2) have a two day sale on Friday and Saturday 3) have a two day sale on Saturday and Monday.

The board did not like the idea of having only one book sale a year. Carmen moved and Sandy seconded that the book sales be held on Saturday and Monday. Motion unanimously passed.

Dates for Spring Book Sale were set:

Set-up - April 7th

Sale - April 8th and 10th

Pack-up - April 11th

Lowell Sever offered to sell some books on-line. Further discussion of this was tabled until the February meeting.

Judy moved that \$25 be donated to the seed library, Sandy seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m. Next meeting has not been scheduled yet.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlene Johnson