

FRIENDS OF EMBRY HILLS LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES
APRIL 5,2016

PRESENT: Judy Wieder, Lynn Conley, Sandy White, Leah Robin, Priscilla Hofert, John Hofert, Carmen Ashley, Margaret Pudvin, Bonita Hoffmeister, Deborah Stone, Sheila Benton Libby Howse, Charlene Johnson

Meeting called to order 6:04 p.m. by President Leah Robin.

Treasurer, Lynn Conley presented the treasurer's report. During first quarter there was \$204 of income and \$494 of expenses.

Margaret Pudvin moved to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Lynn Conley seconded the motion and minutes were approved. Charlene Johnson reported that we have thirteen members to date. This is about one third of previous years memberships.

WAYS & MEANS: Ways and Means Chair, Judy Wieder announced that the Spring Book Fair will take place on April 18th and 19th. Set-up will be the Thursday before on April 14th. The final book sort will also take place at the same time. Judy also distributed flyers and posters for members to place around the community. Volunteers are still needed for help. Sandy White passed around the Volunteer Sign-up sheet.

PROGRAMING: Vice President, Carmen Ashley announced that a needs assessment has been completed and is available in both paper and on-line version. Paper version is available at the checkout desk in the library. The online version can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/39YNLXH> Forty-three people have already completed the survey. The survey will be available through May 31st.

Carmen also announced that a program on gardening is also being planned for May.

BRANCH MANGER'S REPORT: Sheila Benton presented the plans for the children's summer reading program. Plans include a story hour for 3 to 5 year olds on Wednesday mornings. Pizza & a Movie, Magician, and Yoga for Kids programs are also being planned.

Branch Manager, Deborah Stone reported that the plaque with past presents of Friends of Embry Hills Library is now hanging in the library lobby. She also shared some of the books that were purchased with the \$250 given to the library by the Friends of Embry Hills Library group. The board agreed to give the library another \$250 second quarter.

OLD BUSINESS: Margaret Pudvin has posted a letter on-line requesting that the library hours be increased. Judy Wieder wrote a letter last year that has finally been answered. The response informed the group that DeKalb County must increase the funds for library staffing before Embry Hills Library hours can be increased. Margaret suggested that we keep sending letters to Nancy Jester and get the community involved in this letter writing campaign. A discussion followed on how best to keep our request before the County board. It was decided to develop a form letter that community members could use to send to County Board members and officials. Margaret, Carmen, and Leah will draft the form letter.

NEW BUSINESS: Embry Hills Library will celebrate its 25th Anniversary this year. It was recommended that we have a Silver Theme for our annual Lemonade Party to help celebrate this milestone. It was also suggested that a tree be purchased for the library to commemorate the anniversary.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30. Next meeting is June 14th.