

FRIENDS OF EMBRY HILLS LIBRARY

BOARD MEETING

August 9, 2016

ATTENDEES: Charlene Johnson, Margaret Pudvin, Carmen Ashley, Deborah Stone, Judy Wieder, Alice Patton Dukes, Leah Robin, Lyn Conley, Sandy White, Sarra David, Bonita Hoffmeister

President Leah Robin called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: Lyn Conley, Treasurer, presented the treasurer's report. She commented that we have not spent much money and more money is coming in than going out. The only area where we are over budget is the area of programs.

Secretary's Report: Deborah Stone pointed out some corrections to June 14 minutes: her name needed to be added to the attendees and date of Lemonade Party needed to be changed to August 16th. Margaret Pudvin moved to approve minutes as corrected, Sandy White seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Charlene Johnson, secretary, reported that we had one organization join Friends of the Library bringing the total membership to twenty-one. A discussion followed as to length of membership if one joins at the Lemonade Party in August. Lyn Conley moved that annual dues that are accepted at the Lemonade Party are good through December of the following year. Judy Wieder seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Ways & Means: Judy Wieder, Ways and Means Chair, reported that there was a book sort on Monday, August 8th. Numerous books were sorted for the fall book sale. A worksheet for volunteers for the book sale will go out in early October.

Programming: Carmen Ashley, Program Chair, reported that she is currently concentrating on three areas 1) Science Fiction Book Club, 2) Provide a variety of programs once a month and 3) Tutoring program. Carmen reported that she has a resource, which will be able to provide a tutoring program once a month at Embry Hills for now.

Branch Manager: Deborah Stone, Branch Manager, handed out bookmarks that were made to advertise the Lemonade Party and 25th anniversary celebration. She also passed around a letter from Lee May. The letter was a proclamation from DeKalb county congratulating the library on its 25th anniversary.

Deborah reported that Sheila Benton has been promoted to the Branch Manager at the Lithonia Branch. Her last day was August 4th. The Friends did present her a scarf on her last day. The new Assistant Librarian is Wendy Herber.

Deborah also reported that the library received a grant to pay for the magician program and other presenters. Quarterly money received from the Friends is just right, however, more money for craft supplies could be used.

Old Business: Plans for the August 16th Lemonade Party are as follows:

1. Judy Wieder will do decorations for the party and get the lemonade.
2. Margaret Pudvin, Sandy White, Lyn Conley and Charlene Johnson will bring cookies
3. Carmen Ashley will invite the owner of CoCo Cakes
4. Leah Robin will bring paper goods such as napkins, cups, and plates
5. Lyn Conley will bring a cash box and membership forms
6. Carmen will also take pictures
7. Leah Robin will bring post cards for people to fill out for our campaign to increase hours at the library
8. EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO WEAR YELLOW

Leah Robin updated the status of our campaign to have library board increase operating hours at Embry Hills. The board recently increased the library staff budget by \$491,000. The Library Board appreciated our letters. Deborah Stone hopes that Embry Hills Library's hours will be expanded at the beginning the year.

Leah also reported that the Science Fiction book club will start September 20th and will meet every third Tuesday.

New Business: Leah Robin encouraged everyone to continue with the letter writing campaign to increase library hours at Embry Hills. She passed out a model letter that can be used and recommended that we keep our comments positive.

Carmen Ashley announced that as of August 1st, Embry Hills Library now has a Twitter account. Carmen is also managing our Face Book account. Lyn Conley suggested that since we now have so much social media that maybe we should consider making a position on the board for Communication Manager. This will be discussed further at a future meeting

Carmen also announced that she has recommend Deborah Stone for I LOVE MY LIBARIAN award.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Next meeting October 11, 2016.

Submitted by Charlene Johnson, secretary