**Minutes of Friends of the Montpelier Public Library**

**November 8, 2021**

**New Year … Remember your FOL dues … Front desk can assist you with this payment.**

Call to order: President Kay Miller called the meeting to order.

Secretary’s report: Kathy Gleason made the motion that the minutes of the August 3, 2021 be approved, with the correction of Kay reminding FOL members of election of officers at the November meeting. Joy Richmond seconded the motion and minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer’s report: Kay presented the treasurer’s report with an October 31 balance of $6,709.32, which reflects the Michaels’ memorial funds being included and $302.61 for **Junior Friends**. The following additional deposits were reported: one **Life membership** of $130 and **Fall Fest** income of $1,034.25. Kay reported the following breakdown of **Fall Fest income & expenses**: The following income was detailed for the **2021 Fall Fest**: **Food** - $494.25; **Bake Sale** $275; **Vendors** $120; **Donations** $145 **and Expenses** $62.06. Income was up from the **2019 Fall Fest**: **Food** $472; **Bake Sale** $388.96; **Vendors** $100; **Donations** $65 and **Expenses** $103. **Net Profit for 2021** ($972.19); **2019** ($922.96); **2018** (661.95); **2017** ($675.15); **2016** ($593.06); **2016** ($503.06); **2014** ($503.26); **2013** ($722.96) and **2012** ($627.41). Deloris Dennis made the motion to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented and Armeda Sawmiller seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Old Business: There was a discussion of having a file cabinet upstairs at the library for Treasurer and Secretary records. Armenda made the motion that a file cabinet be purchased and Kathy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. A Business/Civil Sponsors flyer was suggested to be included with donor letters in September. A discussion was held of good things and things to change with the 2022 Fall Fest. The clean-up of the event went well and was accomplished quickly with several people helping. The children’s program went well with Joy and Brenn leading this activity. Armenda commented that the Montpelier Hospital Voluntary Auxiliary doubled their memberships with their participation in the Fall Fest. It was suggested that more not-for-profits be invited next year. Comment was made that a “Donations for Food” sign should be provided in the food area. Serving layout went well with the set up this year and 6 servers worked out well. It was suggested that the “Donation Jar” should be right at the beginning of food line.

New Business: **Library News & Requests** Angie thanked everyone for a wonderful 2021 Fall Fest. She received many compliments about the library, the great variety of vendors and the incredible food. The library participated in the **Olde Tyme Holiday Gathering on November 20** with library staff in the 6 p.m. parade. The library participated with the Parks & Rec. Dept. by passing out cookie kits from 10:30 to 12:30 in the library meeting room. A drawing for a sled and holiday bingo was held with the start of passing out forms for the Letter to/from Santa. A Rudolph postmark was provided for the return Santa letters. Angie requested FOL pay the postage for the letters. Priscilla Dean made the motion to approve the postage expense; Armeda seconded the motion and the motion was carried. **Gingerbread House Contest.** With various age categories and family group, organizations or businesses for the contest, Gingerbread houses were required to be made of edible things only. Houses were dropped off December 2, 3, & 4, with them to be displayed and voted on December 6-11. Local businesses gift certificates were purchased as prizes. December 9 the Teen Advisory held a Hot Chocolate Bar fund raiser. Armeda made the motion that FOL purchase the local business gift certificates for the Teen Advisory and the Teen Advisory group took the voting income by assisting with judging of the Gingerbread houses. Priscilla seconded the motion and the motion was carried. The **Night Before Christmas** reading at 7 pm was held for Kids in their Jammies. Thank you to Darlene Sheperd for the donation of wrapped cookies for this event.

**Election of Officers** Armenda made the motion that the same slate of officers continue and Darlene seconded the motion. The motion was carried with Kay Miller – President/Treasurer; Kathy Gleason - Vice-President & Linda Palmer – Secretary.

**Committees** A discussion of committees was held. It was determined that Nomination, Membership Drive and Program/Publicity would be established. Priscilla will serve as the Membership drive Chairperson in January and February. A Membership Card idea was mentioned to be given to members renewing and/or new members. It was also suggested that a membership drive be considered at Fall Fest through Christmas activities. Priscilla will serve as chairperson for nomination of officers for November 2022. For the Program/Publicity the chairperson for this committee will be determined (Melanie Lehman was suggested).. Each chairperson will recruit others to serve on her committee. As future ideas for Program/Publicity, it was determined that a tea would be organized in March and Easter-in-a-Bag will be organized again for April.

Adjournment. Deloris made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Armeda seconded the motion and it was approved.

**2022 MEETINGS**: Monday, January 10, March 14, May 9, August 29 and November 14. Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at the library.

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