



**FRIENDS OF THE  
W.K. SANFORD COLONIE  
TOWN LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 11, 2022 6:00PM**

**ATTENDING**

Tori Brannigan, Mary Ellen Jung, Sue Kenneally, Becky Klope, Karen Langell, Queen Lewis, Louise McColgin, Leslye Milos, Evelyn Neale, Katie Rose, Jennifer Soucy, Mary Van Ullen.

**LIBRARY REPORT**

Evelyn thanked everyone who contributed to the book sale. The fall programming is underway, with a lot of activity at the library. There are 24 open houses scheduled at local schools. Work is ongoing to develop the strategic plan, including analysis of survey data. There was an orientation for people wishing to use the memory kits that were funded by the Friends.

On April 22nd 2023, the library will host a repair cafe to coincide with Earth Day. Volunteer coaches with expertise are being solicited to help people repair things like electronics, small appliances, wooden items, clothing, bikes, etc. The goal is to help people keep items with more useful life so that they don't go into the trash. People who have skills and are interested in potentially serving as repair coaches are encouraged to contact the library.

Sue suggested that the library might look into hosting a shredding day.

**TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT**

**Treasurer's Report October 2022** from Leslye

<u>October 11, 2022</u>					
<u>Income:</u>		<u>Expenses:</u>		<u>Checking Summary</u>	
<u>Book Sale (Cash)</u>	<u>\$8,662.30</u>	<u>Banner for Book Sale -Jen</u>	<u>\$15.49</u>	<u>Previous Balance</u>	<u>\$34,968.99</u>

<u>Book Nook</u>	<u>\$835.00</u>	<u>Change for Book Sale</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>\$10,923.96</u>
<u>Book Nook Harvest Fest</u>	<u>\$351.10</u>	<u>Refreshments for Book Sale-Volunteers-Edye</u>	<u>\$61.44</u>	<u>SubTotal</u>	<u>\$45,892.95</u>
<u>Change Returned for Book Sale</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>Visa Gift Card-Shrubs for Garden-Evelyn</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$497.87</u>
<u>eBay Books Sold</u>	<u>\$880.06</u>	<u>Visa Gift card fee</u>	<u>\$5.95</u>	<u>New Balance</u>	<u>\$45,395.08</u>
<u>Hoffman Car Wash</u>	<u>\$45.50</u>	<u>YouTube</u>	<u>\$14.99</u>		
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$10,923.96</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$497.87</u>		
				<u>Summary of Accounts</u>	
				<u>Checking</u>	<u>\$45,395.08</u>
				<u>Savings</u>	<u>\$1,137.63</u>
				<u>5 CD's</u>	<u>\$51,881.74</u>
				<u>Total Balance</u>	<u>\$98,414.45</u>

Lesley reported that the Book Nook had income of \$8,223.10 for the season, including sales for Harvest Festival, which was close to the amount raised last year.

There is additional credit card income not included in the above statement, bringing the total income from the book sale to \$10,388.61.

### **STAFF REQUESTS**

There were no requests for the month. Evelyn noted that in the future, the library may be asking the Friends to help pay for the creation of an attractive entrance for

the children's area and passed around some samples of similar projects done for other libraries that could be used as inspiration.

### **WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, PUBLICITY AND LIBRARY E-NEWSLETTER**

Becky noted that we paid a small amount (approximately \$60) to purchase some targeted ads in Facebook to advertise the book sale. This appeared to be an effective way to advertise that we might use in the future.

### **BOOK NOOK**

The Book Nook had a successful year. Teen volunteers were helpful.

### **BOOK SALE**

Many thanks to all who donated, sorted, moved, unpacked and arranged the books, volunteered at the sale and helped with the clean up after. Library staff were very helpful. It was a huge endeavor and it all contributed to the most successful sale to date, raising over \$10,000! Friends thanked Becky and Edye for the enormous amount of time and effort they put in to make the sale so good.

A pallet of unsold non-fiction books were sent to Thrift Books. The process of loading this pallet was easier than the first.

Some ideas were discussed for next year including:

- Allow volunteers early access on Thursday night without the \$5 fee
- Call the Thursday night fee an early access fee or something similar instead of a preview night.
- Explore the possibility of expanding the book sale space outside the Stedman room so that more books can be adequately displayed and customers have room to browse.
- Possibly having library space all week for the book sale.

### **COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

There is interest in getting a second Little Free Library for Shaker Run.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, November 15th in person at the Library at 6pm. (Note, this is a departure from our normal schedule due to the library closing on the 11th.**

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Van Ullen, Secretary.