

Friends of the Waupaca Library

Meeting held September 23, 2009

Present: 9 Friends, 3 staff

Donna Hansen, Joanne Fulcher, Leonard Tessin, Cynthia Holly, David Dresia, Addy Gardner, Bev Kirk, Myrtle Ragland, Diane Pinkalla, Sue Abrahamson, Peg Burington and Ruth Hoppe

1. Donna opened the meeting with old business. Staff expressed appreciation for the new chairs in the break room.
2. Sue Abrahamson spoke for the Children's Department. She said they are discontinuing the Kids only Book Club. It was very time consuming for staff and was too costly per participant. Sue made the following requests. She brought visual aids so the Friends could understand what she was asking for:

Preschool Thanksgiving Feast	\$	75.00
Turkey Sandwiches and Juice		
(the other parts of the feast are provided potluck style.)		

6 – Browsing Baskets	\$	86.00
2 for book sets, 4 for patron use, teacher requests, etc.		
David Dresia suggested that the grocery stores may have baskets they are willing to donate.		

Slat Wall Display Accessories	\$	125.00
4 Magazine style, 15 Large Media style		

Rubbermaid Book Cart - Exclusively for Children's Dept. Use	\$	189.00
There is a shortage of carts when the library is busy.		
This cart would remain in the Children's Department.		

Dymo Twin Turbo Label Printer		
For creating spine labels-Several different sizes are used and		
And necessitates changing the roll regularly.	\$	209.00

3M Desensitizer Model 930	\$	280.00
Another security magnet for busy times		

Babygarten – 4 vinyl dolls, 3 pull-back bugs, farm animals	\$	325.00
3 board book sets of 15 books each, fabric to make		
new book bags		
Friends volunteered to sew the bags and provide the fabric		

Prize paperback books for Summer Reading Program	\$	1000.00
Purchased through teacher Scholastic orders to		
partner in improving their classroom libraries		

TOTAL REQUESTS FROM CHILDREN'S DEPT	\$	2289.00
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3. Melissa was at the schools today so Peg spoke on her behalf:

TEEN REQUESTS

Playaways – Melissa is asking for \$300 for Friends to start a collection of Playaways for the teens. She will match the \$300 with funds from the Teen Audio Book Budget. For \$600 she should be able to purchase between 10 to 15 popular titles. \$ 300.00

Prize paperback books for Summer Reading Program Purchased through teacher Scholastic orders to partner in improving their classroom libraries \$ 300.00

TOTAL REQUESTS FROM TEEN DEPT \$ 600.00

3. Dominic was working Circulation and was unable to attend. Peg made requests on his behalf

TECHNOLOGY NEEDS

Games computer and monitor \$ 1900.00
A new game computer and monitor in the Children's Department - The library will replace the other two game computers so they are all identical and kids won't argue about which one is the "best". The game computers currently have about 1500 kids a year using them and are often full so we'd like to add a third. The Friends of the Library have purchased new game computers in the past when we wanted to expand this service so we are hoping they will continue to help us in this area.

Games collection to circulate \$ 500.00
This is a new collection to be housed in the adult department, only E and T rated games for the Wii. SLAG is willing to donate PS2 games that are not currently being used in the teen room and will consider a donation towards additional games.

TOTAL TECHNOLOGY REQUESTS \$ 2400.00

4. Peg asked for items for the Adult Department and staff

Support the 2010 Book Festival \$ 1000.00
While the monetary amount is essential, we will also ask for volunteers to help with programs and refreshments. The money is a pledge, but will not be needed until closer to the Book festival date (Oct 3 & 4, 2010)

Kitchen Sinks for the staff break room and the downstairs kitchen. Real sinks with swivel faucets (Tony install) \$ 400.00

Clean and repair meeting room chairs	\$	100.00
Some of the chairs are badly stained and in poor condition with missing pieces.		
New interior signs – to help with the cost Have a pledge from the Foundation for \$3000 for slat wall and signs.	\$	1000.00
Replace current Adult VHS with DVD and purchase cases	\$	1000.00
	\$	100.00
Standing order for “Larger Print” pocket books	\$	225.00
TOTAL STAFF & ADULT DEPT. REQUESTS	\$	3825.00

There was a discussion about the difference in the Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation. Sue explained that the Foundation was focused on funding the Exhibit Room and had yearly fundraisers. They are both 501(3)c agencies that support library initiatives.

David Dresia asked if Friends should be helping with book budgets. Peg explained that the 2009 book budget is intact but there will be cuts in materials budgets for next year. An estimated \$2000 will be cut from book budgets in 2010. Sue suggested we revisit the question at the next Friends meeting in March, 2010.

Donna moved that the friends support the requests by staff. All unanimously agreed that the items should be funded by Friends.

The Friends will be participating in the “Giving Tree” Exhibit. Peg volunteered to work on the display. Sue said she would help.

Respectfully submitted by Peg Burington