

Friends of the FMB Public Library
Minutes of Annual Meeting 1-27-2020

President Betty Simpson called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Other Board Members present were Jessica Hernstadt, Eric Olson, Paula Smith, Sandra Walker, Lorrie Wolf, Library Director Cletus Poser and Maria van Boekel. In addition, 35-40 people were in attendance.

Speakers: Two local authors were the speakers at the Annual Meeting: Monica Lynn, *Letters from Clarence O'Malley* and Mary-Ann Tirone Smith, *Girls of Tender Age*.

Secretary's Report: The Minutes of the February 28, 2019 Annual Meeting were unanimously approved (Motion by Jessica Hernstadt, Second by Paula Smith).

Treasurer's Report: Sandra Walker advised that it was a good year financially for the organization. The Friends group will be presenting Library Director Cletus Poser with a \$20K check to purchase "Wish List" items for the Library. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved (Motion by Paula Smith, Second by Jessica Hernstadt).

Membership Report: Paula Smith gave a membership update: There are 5 new members and 7 renewals this month. The recent gift card giveaways to local restaurants are successfully attracting new members.

Book Store/Sale Update: An update was prepared by Jan Fleming and read by Paula Smith. The group held a record-breaking book sale in January. In February a silent auction is planned to take place at the book sale. We will partner with AMI Kids, whose staff has helped in the past.

Library Director Cletus Poser spoke about the one-year anniversary of Dr. Leroy Hommerding's death and thanked the Friends for their support.

Shrimp Parade: Maria van Boekel spoke on behalf of Kelly Smith. Kelly Smith and Maria van Boekel are working on the entry. (*Note that the Shrimp Parade was cancelled due to COVID-19.*)

Newsletter: Jessica Hernstadt advised that the next Among Friends newsletter will come out in April. The deadline for submissions is April 1st and it will be mailed out by April 8, 2020.

Book Sale: The next Book Sale will be February 15 & 16, 2020. (*Note that this was cancelled due to COVID-19.*)

The Slate of Board Members and Officers was read by Lorrie Wolf: The proposed Officers are Betty Simpson, President; Paula Smith, Vice President; Jessica Hernstadt, Secretary; and Sandy Walker, Treasurer. The proposed Board Members are Jan Fleming, Kelly Smith, Eric Olson, Lorrie Wolf and Marge Bejune. The Slate of Members and Officers was unanimously approved.

- The next Board Meeting was scheduled for March 9, 2020 at 2 p.m.
- The Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m. (Motion by Sandra Walker, Second by Paula Smith).