

Friends of Jacob Edwards Library
August 7, 2023

Members present: Andrea Powers, Barbara Day (phone), Larry Day, Green Alarie, Janie Langlois, Caroline McKinley, Margaret Morrissey, Kathy Van Camp

Barbara opened the meeting with a financial report. We currently have \$5,469.70 in our checking account with an additional \$13K in CDs. We received just under \$100 as our commission from the June artist. Additional revenue of \$74 came in June from coffee and book sales. Expenses included \$100 to Joshua Hyde Library as our portion of a June Pride program, \$150 to the "bee guy", \$100 to the 7 Hills program, \$50 for the pool passes, \$200 to Sarah Burke.

Barbara brought up the request from Cornerstone Bank for us to do a mini-book sale during their Wellness Fair to be held on September 13 from 2-5 pm at the Pine Ridge Country Club. We would have an 8 ft table to use. Andrea, Gereen, and Janie volunteered to participate in this. BBooks will be boxed up at the library and then transported to the event.

Kathy suggested that we try having a book sale in April (4-6 2024) and depending on the results consider having a second sale in October. Leftover books from the April sale would not be donated to any organization but would be kept for the October sale. Donations of gently used books would be accepted year round with monthly sorting by members. We will start refreshing the books on the lower floor after each monthly book sort. Caroline will make a sign to put near the book racks promoting our tote bags (currently have 65 left).

Margaret shared the information that October 15-October 21 is National Friends Week (Friends of the Library). Our annual meeting is scheduled for October 16 at 6:00 pm. Margaret will place this information in the library's monthly newsletter. Bylaws should be made available at that meeting. The state has a website for the Massachusetts Friends of the Library which Margaret will email everyone. A unanimous vote was taken for us to rejoin this organization.

Larry suggested that we start up the movie nights (possibly afternoons as well). Margaret suggested waiting until October as there is work planned to improve the current projector in the Pioppi Room. Streaming of movies will be a possibility then as well.

Next meeting is set for September 11 at 2:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Van Camp