

Friends of the Naples Library
November 18, 2024

Attendees: Gail Musnicki, Pat Cochran, Arden Neubauer, Beppy Hawks, Gail Rumsey, Stephanie Lipp, Robin Crist, Gretchen Pulver, Tad Trzeciak, Betsy Lewis, Barb Lindquist. Guest: Linda Strauss Jones

Call to Order: Gail Musnicki called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

Minutes of September 16, 2024- Motion to approve by Arden Neubauer, seconded by Beppy Hawks, Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Arden Neubauer reported we have \$17036.82 in our treasury. In October, \$10,000 of the funds was deposited into a 7 month CD at Five Star Bank. A motion to approve report made by Stephanie Lipp, seconded by Beppy Hawks. Motion carried.

President's Report/ New Business:

A. Grape Festival basket raffle recap - The most popular basket was the Buffalo Bills themed basket. The profit for the raffle was approximately \$1000. The ticket sales were as follows: Buffalo Bills 690 tickets; Date Nite 543 tickets; Wine 427 tickets; Finger Lakes 270 tickets; Cozy Crafts 170 tickets; Kite 109 tickets. Tad delivered the kite to the winner in Palmyra and he also made another visit to repair it. Thank you Tad!

Ideas were discussed for 2025. Gretchen Pulver suggested we have 2 baskets with donated items. Most people who purchase the tickets are out-of-town visitors. Gather items in the spring and think of ways to organize them for the basket raffle. The committee will revisit basket raffle planning in early 2025 in preparation for the Grape Fest.

B. Reimbursement to Ally and John for gifts/ food for Kendyl's farewell party - A motion was made to approve the reimbursement of these funds by Beppy Hawks, seconded by Gail Rumsey, motion approved.

C. New Director Update - Linda Strauss- Jones gave an update. A new Naples Library Director was hired out of 9 applicants who interviewed. Jessica Winum will begin as Director on December 2nd. She will also meet with Kendyl on November 25th as a transitional meeting. Jessica has worked at the Naples Library before and is currently an assistant librarian in Geneva. She will continue to help with long range planning, budgeting, community outreach, etc. in her new role.

D. Library Long Range Plan Document - Linda shared that the library trustees worked on updating this plan. Copies were shared with the committee. The trustees have also worked on the new budget and will be applying for a tax- cap levy since the annual budget is increasing by 11%. The board went on a November retreat and worked on cyber security and A.I. and what that means to the library.

E. Assemble and prepare for mailing year end fundraiser letters - The committee prepare 275 letters for mailing.

Director's Report: No report this meeting

Next meeting: January 13, 2025.

Adjourn: Motion made to adjourn at 3:55 pm by Beppy Hawks, seconded by Arden Neubauer. Motion carried. Fundraising letters prepared for mailing afterwards.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Lindquist (Secretary)