

Friends of the Crystal Falls District Community Library
Brainstorming Gathering with Friends Board Meeting
Monday, October 24, 2022, 2:30pm

Present: Janet Wagner, Joan Kupchynsky, James Jackson, Peg Padilla, Mary Bjork, Kathy Bortolameolli, Janet Taylor, Mary Ann Keil, Craig Jarvis, Bev Wilcox, Ann Blum, Chuck Blum, Vinnie Liscomb, Judi Bjork

President Janet Wagner began the meeting with introductions of those present.

Executive Board reported on activities since June meeting and thanked the Friends for their help and support.

BRAINSTORMING (based on ideas presented at June Annual Meeting)

- Ideas for Library needs and future fundraisers
 - Mugs w/Library logo: Evelyn researching cost with American Sign. (Suggestion was made to check with Cathy at Twisted Twig for sources of mugs as well) Friends to consider funding purchase and selling mugs as a fundraiser
 - Summer Reading Program: contacting local businesses for sponsorship: polled those present for willingness to make personal calls to local businesses to sponsor Summer Reading events, in addition to sending out letters. There was interest in this, especially if working in pairs.
 - Suggestion was made to contact I.C. Chamber of Commerce and Business After Hours for ways to promote Friends' projects and visibility
 - Future Fundraiser at Alpha MI Brewery: **Mary Ann Keil and Mary Bjork** will work on this, perhaps for the Spring
- Event planning: subcommittees?
 - Field Trips to other libraries: **Mary Ann Keil, Craig Jarvis and Janet Wagner** will work on this
 - Crystal Theater Stage Left: discussed using this venue for larger functions and future Friends' meetings. **Chuck Blum** will liaise with Theater for this.
 - Social events: several ideas for future social events were suggested (Scrabble, Book Trivia, Meet Friends, etc) Subcommittee of **Mary Ann Keil, Chuck Blum, Craig Jarvis, Mary Bjork and Joan Kupchynsky** will work on this
- Dreaming: What other projects or programs would Friends like to work on?
 - Off site reading: at Medical Care Facility. **Ann Blum** will check into this
 - Giving Tree: Books to needy children at Christmas time. What is available in Crystal Falls area? **Mary Ann Keil, Ann Blum and Judi Bjork** will research this for holiday season 2023

- FYI: MI Right To Read Coalition info: encouraged those present to keep informed on this by checking the website: mirighttoread.com
- Photo Releases: Asked those present to sign Photo releases
- Halloween books: Those present helped put stickers and bookmarks into books for Candy Bash on Sat. October 29, 1-3pm
 - Candy Bash sign up to help sheet passed

The gathering ended around 4:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Peg

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