

Friends of the Crystal Falls District Community Library
Thursday, September 21, 2023, 10:00am, Library Conference Room

Present: Janet Wagner, Joan Kupchynsky, James Jackson, Margaret Padilla, Mary Bjork, Vinnie Liscomb, Maureen Elson, Chuck Blum, Ann Blum, Carol Foucault, Mary Ann Keil, Ret Ahimsa, Evelyn Gathu

1. Call to order: Janet called the meeting to order at 10:02am.
2. Agenda building: addition was made to agenda under “Announcements”
3. Approval of minutes from last meeting: Jim moved, Joan seconded, to accept the minutes from the August 24, 2023 with corrections. M/C
4. Treasurer’s Report (Jim): The Treasurer’s report was approved and placed in file.
5. Old Business
 - “CoVantage Cares” (November 28-December 12, 2023) Report
 - CoVantage Cares Training: (9/26:3:30-4:45pm, 9/27: 11:45-1pm, 9/28: 7-8:15am, 9/29: 2-3:15pm, 10/2: 11:30-12:45pm) Someone from the Friends group needs to participate in one of the training webinars being offered by CoVantage Cares. Ret agreed to organize a viewing at the Library for anyone interested. Peg and Jim will each attend one of the webinars on their own time.
 - Brainstorm fund raising ideas
 - CF Roundup: Janet reported that Crystal Fresh will do a Roundup fundraiser during the November 28-December 12 time period. Janet will look into getting bookmarks and stickers to give out at the checkout. Maureen agreed to design a notice to display at the checkout counters.
 - Book Sale: November 28-December 8 in the library. Donations will be accepted. Peg will coordinate with Evelyn and library staff.
 - Alpha Brewery fundraiser: Mary Bjork reported that the Brewery has developed a new beer they are calling Well-Read. They will donate a portion of the profits to the CoVantage fundraiser. Subcommittee (Mary, Janet, Mary Ann, Ret, Vinnie, Ev) will meet at the Bjork home(164 Buck Lake Park Road) on October 11, 2023 at 4pm to organize other projects for a separate Brewery fundraiser, (December 2) such as bake sale, raffle, and report at the October 24 Friends’ meeting.
 - Ideas from Evelyn: Dec. 1: Foucault Brothers concert. Free will donations accepted
 - December 9: Crystal Christmas/Authorpalooza/parade
 - December 9: sell hot chocolate at Twisted Twig during parade: Ret will organize
 - Kids designing Christmas themed cards to sell

- Tweens/Young Adults designing note cards to sell
- Calendars: Evelyn will work on
- December 3 or 10: Ev coordinating with the Crystal Theater to show old time cartoons for donations.

- Creating a Banner: Jim presented idea of developing a banner. Maureen and Ret agreed to work on this.
- Advertisizing:
 - Telephone Time: Mary Bjork offered to include information about the fundraiser in their Brewery calls to Telephone Time. Evelyn also discusses events at the Library on Telephone Time.
 - IC Reporter: Peg will submit articles about the CoVantage cares to the local papers.
 - Websites/ FB pages: Friends Website, Alpha Brewery Website and FB page, and Library website and FB page will include information about the fundraiser
 - Crystal Falls City Newsletter: Ret will contact
 - Forest Park School Library: Janet will contact
 - Create flyers to distribute in local businesses: Ret will organize

6. Announcements

- Next Friends' meeting: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 10am
- Candy Bash: Saturday, October 28 from 3pm-5pm. Volunteers will be needed. (Mary Ann, Ann, Peggy)

Janet moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:24am

Respectfully submitted,

Peg

Peg Padilla, Secretary, FOCFDCL