

FRIENDS OF THE EPL BOARD MEETING

DATE: January 7, 2021 TIME: 5:30

WHO CALLED MEETING TO ORDER: Becky

WHO ATTENDED:

BOARD MEMBERS:

STAFF

	Yes	No
Lili Jensen, Presi		x
Becky Domek, V	x	
Cheryl Housema	x	
Dawn Webb, Sec.	x	
Kim Anderson	x	
Lyle Hevern	x	
Kathy Graves	x	
Dorothy Christen	x	
Joan Nims	x	
Lavonne Phillips	x	

	Yes	No
Tena Hanson	x	

GUESTS

	Yes	No
		x

AGENDA: WHO MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Kathy

SECONDED: Dorothy DISCUSSION: None

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED: x YES Opposed None

MINUTES: WHO MOVED FOR APPROVAL Kathy
SECONDED: Dorothy DISCUSSION: None

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED: x YES Opposed None

BILLS / FINANCE REPORTS: WHO MOVED FOR APPROVAL Dorothy

SECONDED: Kathy DISCUSSION: See Director's report: The large increase in income is from the Williamson Grant, which has been discussed over the past few years. We may be getting \$20,000 per year from this source as long as we use it all in 2021 and report back on its usage, until funding is gone. Expenditure: the only discrepancy was in the "PayPal" budget item, which was more than we had originally budgeted but we did not really know what to expect with that when we put it in the budget last year. This number was also higher because of the online auction this year. We will make adjustments in next year's budget for this. As we did not actually go over budget, this was not a problem
See Treasurer's report: We will have two CD's coming due in April 2021. This will be addressed at our next meeting (April 1, 2021)

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED: x YES Opposed None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

See Director's Report: Newsletters went out last week. Programming for the year of 2020 was mostly in the form of "Kits" to do at home and online meeting groups. With the money from the Williamson Grant, the plan is to paint the lower floor of the library; this planning for this project is nearly complete. Additionally, we are really excited to get the Imagination Library started soon! This has been a long-term goal and we are happy to see it get off the ground. Kathy mentioned that she watched "A Holly Dolly Christmas" on tv and the Imagination Library was explained well on the show. It was a great educational tool that Dolly Parton used to explain.

Library staff person Mark has made some needed repairs to some of the Little Free Libraries. Staff members and volunteers are working to keep these stocked up. There is always a need for children's books for the LFL's. As a reminder, we have one in each of the following locations: Lincoln Park, Thoreson Park, Spurgin Park, Trinity Park as well as one in Gruver and one in Wallingford.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Commented during the Brainstorming part of the meeting: Online auction was successful. There was actually MORE competitive bidding with this method and more items than ever before went OVER their declared value. This year \$1940 was raised, just a few hundred dollars under 2019.

BRAINSTORMING:

Discussion about how we will handle our Annual Meeting, scheduled for April 1, 2021. In the past we have had a brief business meeting, open for all to attend, followed by a Program to draw in community members. At this time, Tena has recommended AGAINST holding a program/ gathering as we still do not know the impact of Covid-19 and how public gatherings will be affected at that time. The online speaker/ program that was held at the end of last year was not well attended. It is likely that people are tiring of the "Screen Time." So far, Kits that individuals can take home do much better. Dawn proposed an idea of a craft type kit that can be sent home to make a 8.5 x 11 Poster with the theme of "Why I Love the Library". Tena suggested that Kits could contain a note with an invitation to the annual meeting. A slide show of all the Posters submitted could be presented at the meeting. Becky suggested that the posters could be added to the library's Facebook page as well. So far, Kits have been assembled by Library staff, but volunteers are welcome to assist.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

During the past quarter, there was an online/ email motion, second and approval of using funds for prizes as a reward for taking the survey. This serves to add that online motion to our official minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business at this time

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: _____ Cheryl _____ Time: _____ 5:57 _____ Seconded: _____ Lavonne _____

Unanimously Approved: _____ YES Opposed: _____

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Dawn Webb, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: April 1, 2021