

January 2022 Director's Report:

### **Friends Membership Drive Report**

- **In conclusion, the 2021 Membership Drive has brought in:**
  - 115 total members
  - \$3,970.00 total income
  - 14 have used the online payment method
- So far, the 2022 Membership Drive has brought in:
  - 11 members
  - \$255
  - 4 using the online payment method

### **Imagination Library**

- 134 children are currently enrolled

### **Silent Auction outcome:**

- This year's auction brought in \$775 in monetary donations and \$1,518 in sales, for a total of \$2,293
  - You had planned to use this toward converting upholstered furnishings and the Hot Spot Project. We are \$450 away from our next hot spot. Would you like us to purchase that second device and then put the rest towards upholstery? I'll work on getting quotes.

### **Library Programming / Events:**

- As follows are some programs we've been able to hold under the current circumstances, and those we have planned as upcoming events:
  - **Online Knit & Crochet Group (continual)**
    - We continue to host weekly Zoom / Community room hybrid meetings, hosted by Tena.
  - **Book Club (continual)**
    - Our book club now hosts a monthly hybrid meeting, where participants can choose Zoom or our Community Room, hosted by Beth.
  - **Maker Mondays are back!**
    - Since September 27<sup>th</sup> we have been hosting hybrid programs once a month. Watch for news about our spring sessions coming soon.
  - **Story Times**
    - Beginning mid-September, Paula has brought back indoor story times in the community room (capacity 15)
  - **Tinker Tuesday**
    - Starting September 14<sup>th</sup>, we've resumed our monthly after school STEM activities lead by Beth and Paula. Our first attempt brought us exactly to capacity, including staff members in the room.
  - **Lego League** has resumed this fall, this time in the Community Room once a month.

### **Grant Updates:**

- **Williamson:** I had turned in a report regarding our 2020 projects: Paint Project (phase 1) = complete & Imagination Library (continual)
  - I then issued an application for funding for our Community Room project which I'd let you know via email was granted just before Christmas. We can expect to hear from the architects after the first of the year, and will work towards a point where we will know how much more funding is needed to complete the plan they set out for us.
- In December we applied for a **Literacy Grant** through Early Childhood of North Central Iowa. Our hope is to partner with the ISU Extension to host another Story Walk downtown, and also do another round of take-home kits.