

October 2022 Director's Report:

### **Friends Membership Drive Report**

- **So far, the 2022 Membership Drive has brought in:**
  - 109 total members
  - \$3,670.00 total income
  - 13 have used the online payment method



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

- **Online Knit & Crochet Group (continual)**
  - We continue to host weekly Zoom meetings, sometimes also outdoors or in the community room, hosted by Tena.
- **Book Club (continual)**
  - This is now also offered as a hybrid program, hosted via zoom and in-person, by Beth.
- **Story Times**
  - Paula and Beth have offered story time events in the Children's Department and sometimes outdoors
- **Outreach**
  - Paula has resumed outreach visits to the Early Headstart classes this month.
- **EARSPA handouts provided**
  - Beth shared handouts related to our genealogy resources with the EARSPA group in lieu of attending their meeting.
- **Maker Monday**
  - This event is back, though the September program had low attendance due to short promotion time. Rosemarie hosted this event and is planning the next several.
- **Meteorite Program**
  - Eighteen people attended an excellent program with E. Calvin Alexander of the University of Minnesota covering Estherville's meteorite and several others. Those in attendance asked excellent questions and people stayed nearly two hours. Tena hosted this event with assistance provided by Mark.

### **Other Updates:**

- **Imagination Library**
  - As of the date of this report, we have 167 children registered from all over Emmet County. (The number fluctuates as some are added and some "graduate" each month.)
- **Open Board Position progress**
  - At the point I created this report, we've taken in three applications for our vacant board position. The Mayor will appoint a candidate at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and the Council will consider approval.
- **Friends to skip Silent Auction fundraiser this year**
  - The Friends have determined not to hold two competing fundraisers at once, and so will not be hosting the Silent Auction this year. Proceeds would have gone toward the Imagination Library, and those interested could donate to that at any time. We will resume again next year when the Community Room project is finished.