

Friends Third Quarter Meeting—August 5, 2025

- Meeting called to order at 11:08 a.m.
- Eleven members in attendance; list on file.
- Second quarter minutes placed in file.
- Treasurer's report for July and August presented. Twelve programs paid for. The carousel deposit was for \$984 covering March-June. The balance as of 7/31/25 is \$8,635.
- By a unanimous vote, the Fall Silent Auction will be extended to three weeks. New Dates: September 22-October 11. This will give potential buyers a longer buying window. Set up is September 20. The volunteer team includes: Sue, Ann, Betty, Joanne, Kathy and Jane. They will get together two weeks before the auction to select and price items. Alice and Ann have already set aside two boxes of potential auction items, along with Specials and Old Books to go through.
- Someone donated a selection of comic books that may be appropriate for the auction. Jane will investigate the value. Ann L. is interested in purchasing.
- The fall Book Sale will run from October 15-18. Set up is October 13 & 14.
 - Since Geisler Middle School is closing, Melissa has already contacted Sara Banks for student volunteers. Volunteer hours will be 3:15-5:15 on Monday. Melissa and Lorraine will supervise and order pizza.
 - Alice and Ann B. will supervise set up on Monday morning at 10 a.m. and provide volunteers with instructions and location maps. Jane will work with Alice and Ann on assignments to ensure enough volunteers are available to move all the boxes (including Children's) without becoming overtired. Category signs will be set up on the tables in the Non-fiction Room and other areas before boxes are moved.
 - Specials boxes will remain in the storeroom so that four volunteers (Sue, Betty, Joanne and Jane) can sort and price them on Tuesday morning before setting them out on the Specials tables.
 - Andrea will work with the page coordinator to see if a page or two is available on the Saturday before set-up to begin moving tables and chairs. (NOTE: this should be viewed as an extra bonus since it's homecoming time and pages have to accommodate extra activities into their schedules).
 - Jean ordered 10 extra sign holders.
 - The following pricing changes were agreed upon:
 - Young Adult Hardcover and Trade books are now \$2.00 each
 - Betty has set aside a box of good quality Hardcover Children's books. These will be priced \$1.00 each and placed on the Specials Table. (NOTE: we should purchase some special price stickers to easily identify these books).
 - Andrea will provide laminated signs as follows:
 - DVD's cost \$2.00 each
 - CD's cost \$1.00 each
 - \$5.00 minimum on all credit card purchases

- It was agreed that cookbooks need to be thoughtfully weeded out. The following items need to be removed from the sale: all manufacturer produced recipe manuals; all “homemade” spiral bound or stapled church, scout, or fund raisers; all soiled or marked up books; all collections of cookbooks over five years old (like Taste of Home or Southern Cooking). These can be tossed or put into the Salvation Army box as appropriate.
- Andrea will look into the possibility of having a teen activity centered around designing a bookmark incorporating library themes and the Kroger donation program information. It can be used as a giveaway at the book sale and at the front desk.
- Alice has purchased Halloween stickers as giveaways.
- It was agreed that we need to get our hands around the “Old Books” issue and come up with a solution as to what books are kept and which ones we get rid of. Since space is at a premium, we need to resolve this matter with some alacrity. I recommend the following based on our discussions:
 - Automatically reject any book that smells since odors cannot be eliminated and can impact other boxed books. Also reject books with mildew or water damage or torn pages or damage to the binding. Use the “Buddy System” to make the determination. If two people can’t agree what to toss, ask a third to break the tie.
 - Once a book is thrown into the garbage, it stays there and does not become a part of the sale. If an individual wants to take the book, it becomes his property.
 - A regular “Old Book” that we charge \$2.00 for goes into the Old Books box.
 - If a book (or collection of books) is thought to have extra value, it should be flagged and brought to Jane’s or Sue’s attention. We’ll have to set aside some time soon to go through the current stacks of stuff on the top shelf as it’s grown unwieldy but moving forward. If items are identified as they come in, they can be priced accordingly and placed in an Auction or Specials Box.
- The current plan is to return left-over books to the Good Will.
- As I looked into the store room I noticed an excessive number of Specials lined up against the wall. With two months of time to go until the sale, I’m a bit worried that we’re not going to have enough space to set them all out. We’ll have to do some more sorting here.
- A reminder—books with inscriptions like “To Johnny, Love Granny” should not be placed in Specials, Auction or Holiday Package boxes. They should be placed in regular priced boxes.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Kleban and Kathy McLaurin

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